



## BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY

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## What is the Project?

- Joint Effort
  - Texas Historical Commission
  - Texas Department of Transportation
- Grant from Federal Highways Administration
- Commemorate Historic Highways
- Heritage Tourism



Source: TxDOT Photo Library

## What is the Project?

- Goals
  - Develop Historic Context
  - Document Historic Buildings and Structures Along Bankhead Highway
  - Make Information Available to Public
  - Promote Tourism



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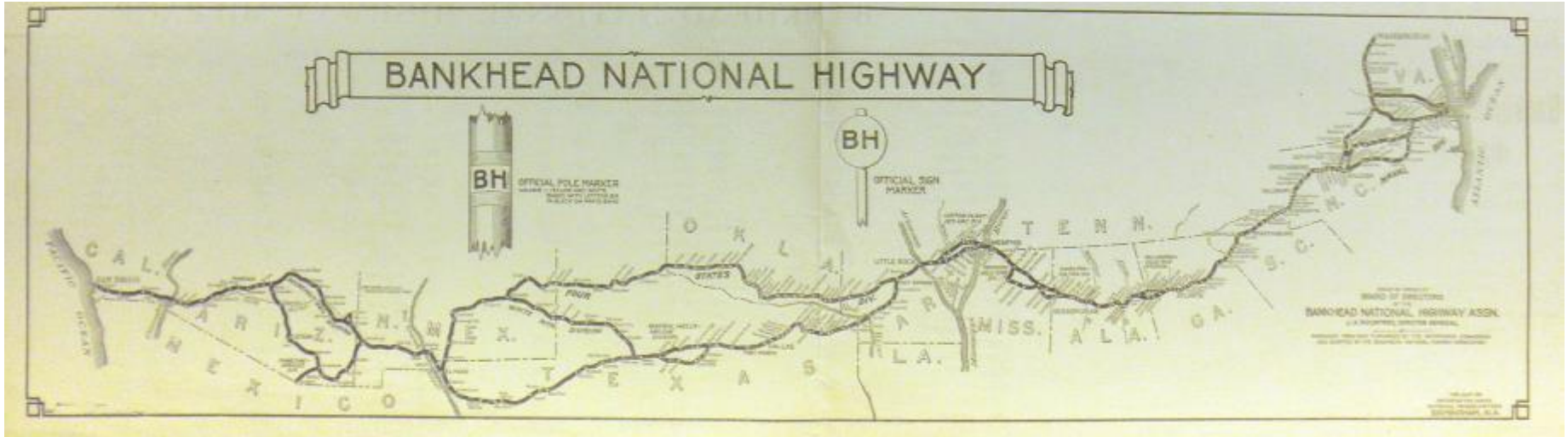
- Survey all alignments of Bankhead Highway
  - State Highway 1
  - US 80 and US 67
- Please help us identify historic resources along highway



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# What is the Bankhead Highway?



Source: Birmingham Public Library

- Transcontinental Highway from Washington DC to San Diego CA by way of Alabama
- Idea dates to 1916 by Asa Rountree and Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama

# What is the Bankhead Highway?



- Lincoln Highway from New York NY to San Francisco CA
- Other Highway Associations formed in 1910s



## Who is Bankhead?

- Senator John Hollis Bankhead (1842-1920)
  - U.S. Senator 1907-1920
  - Promoted Good Roads
  - Sponsored Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1916

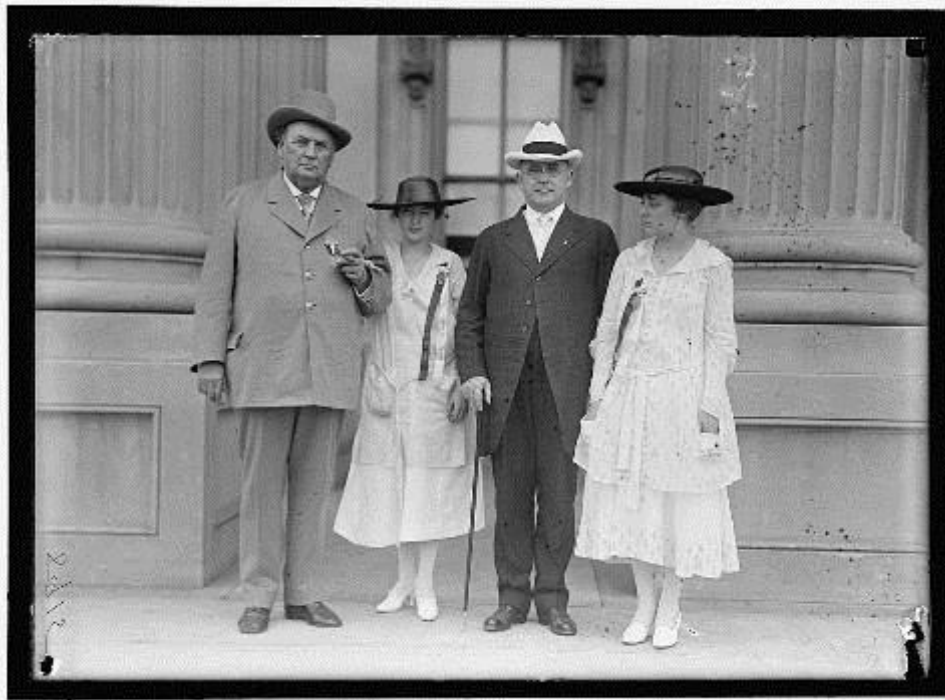


Source: Library of Congress



## Who is Bankhead?

Yes, he is related to Tallulah Bankhead



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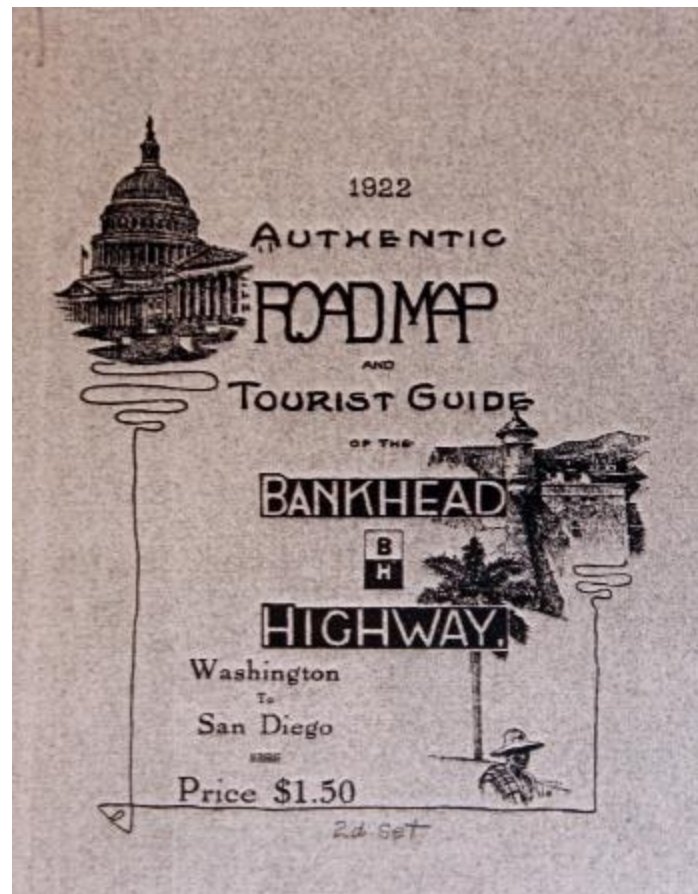
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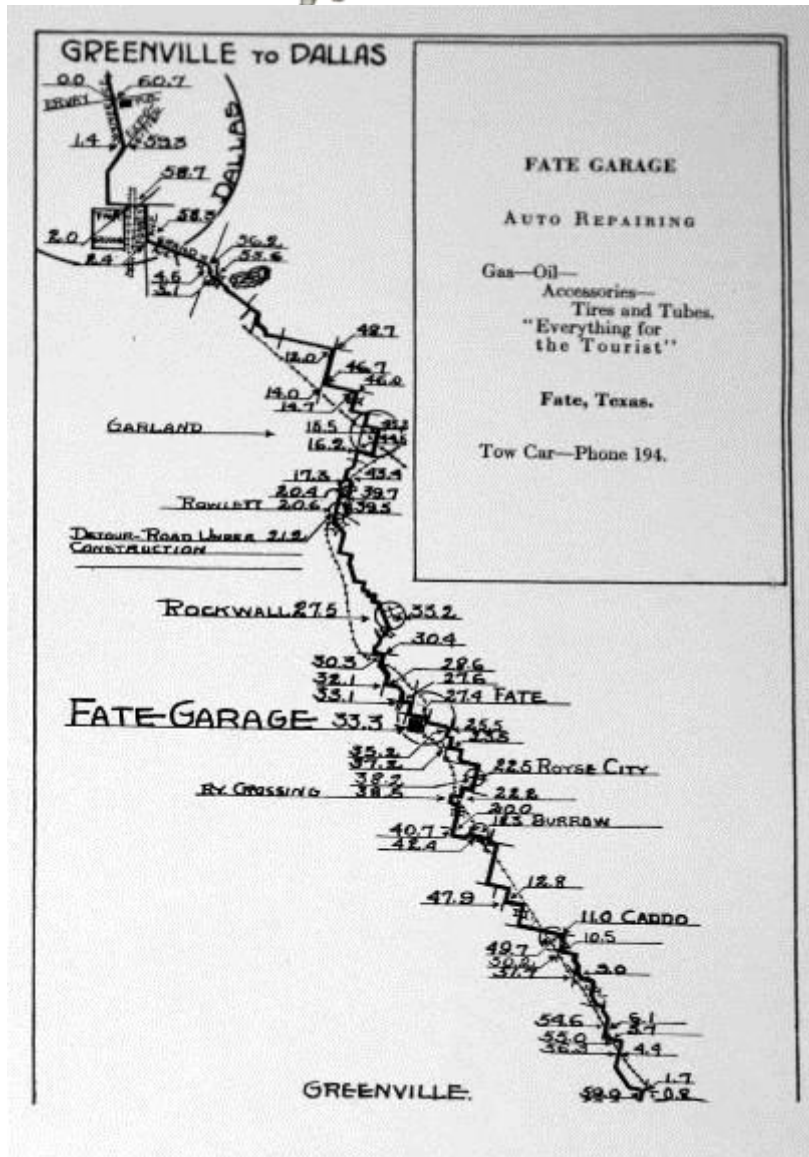
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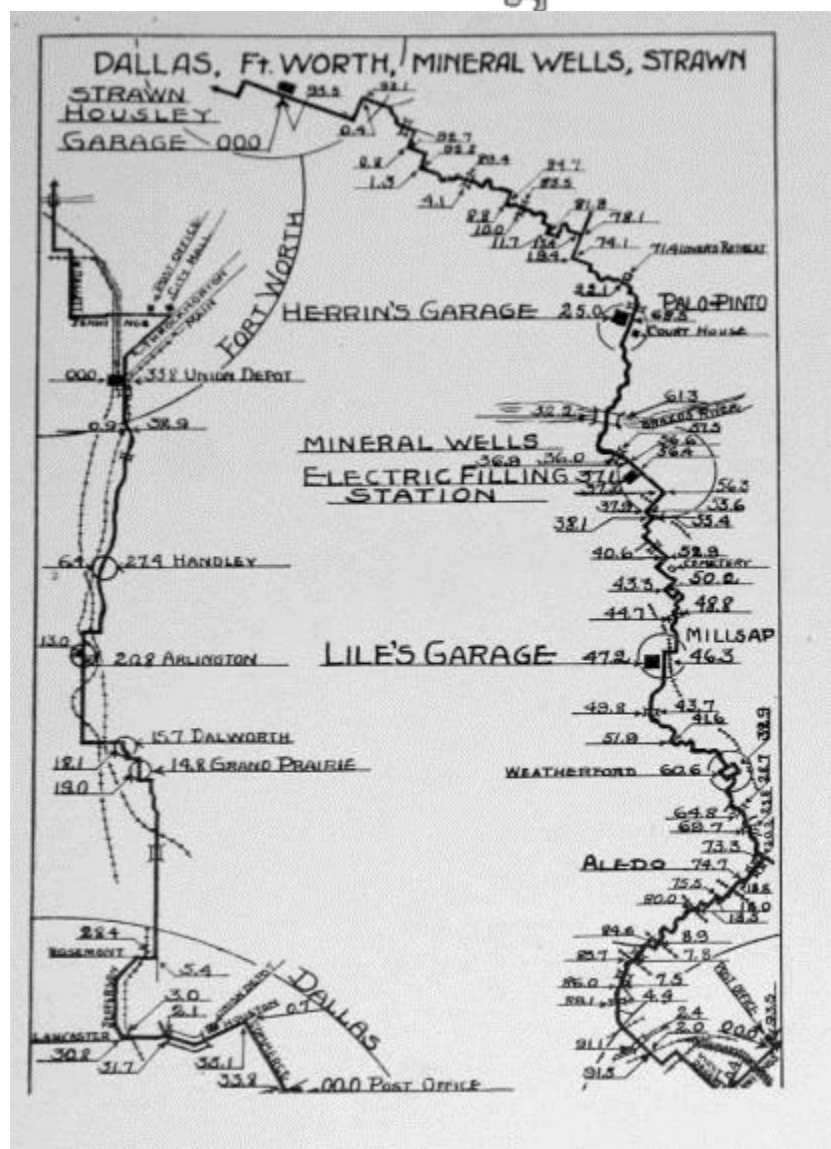


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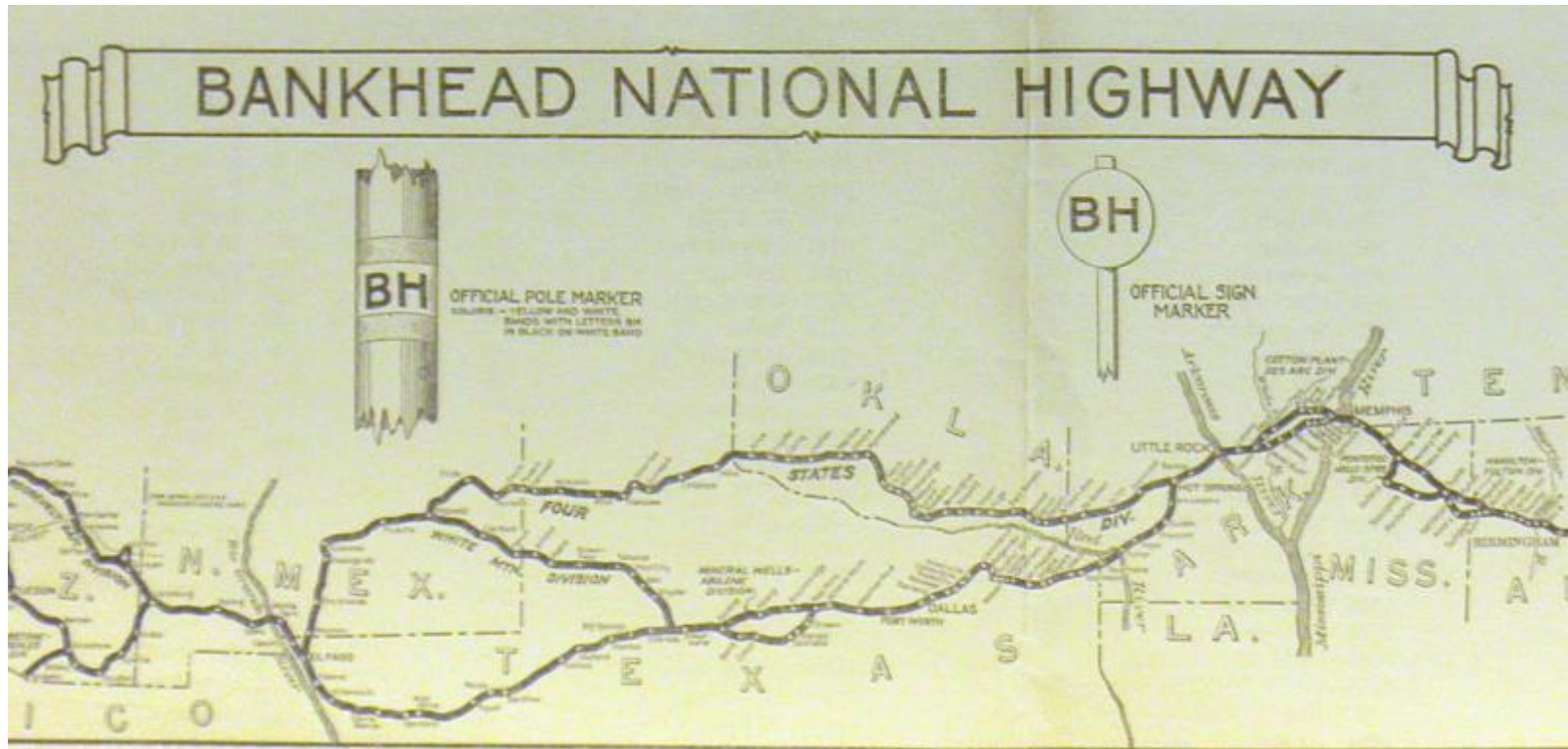
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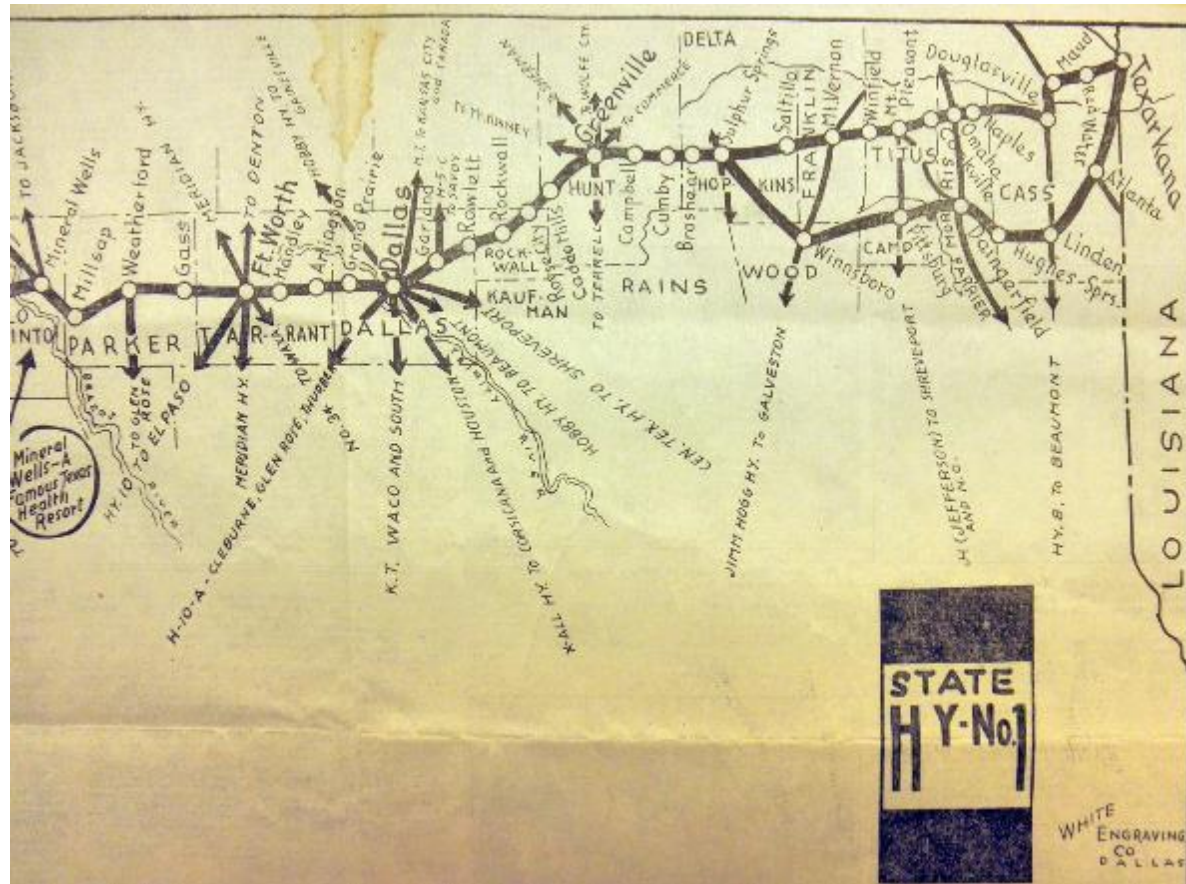
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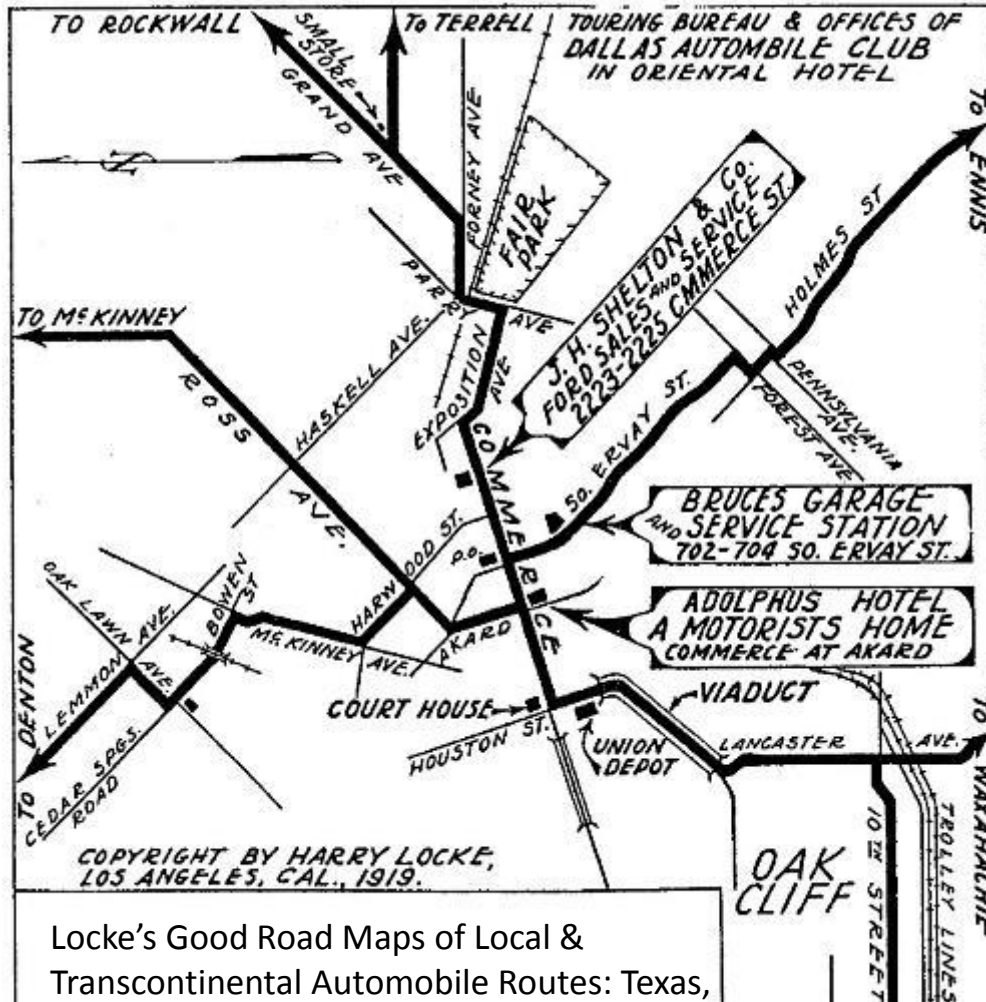
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Source: Baylor University



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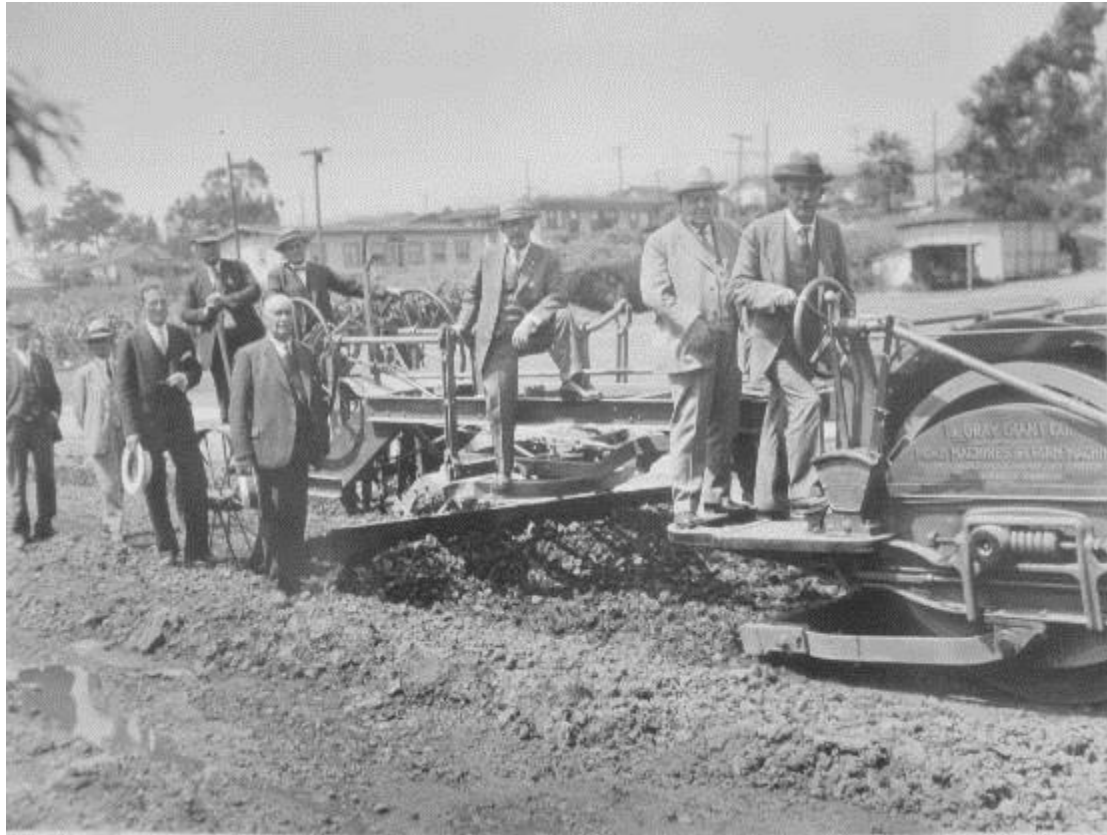
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Source: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD

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May, 1924 CONCRETE HIGHWAY MAGAZINE 105

## Shall it be Gravel or Single Track Concrete?

By J. W. REESE  
County Judge, Rockwall, Texas

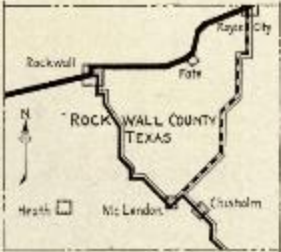


It is a "Booster" for concrete roads.

THOUGH available funds for road construction in Rockwall County were not sufficient for building standard width pavements, the taxpayers of Texas' smallest county would be satisfied with nothing less than concrete. The solution was found in the construction of single track concrete pavement which provided sufficient mileage to place every farmer in the county within an average distance of one mile from a hard-surfaced highway.

When road improvement was first contemplated, it was expected that only 13½ miles from Royce City through Rockwall would be paved. On this stretch—an 18-foot concrete pavement—Government and Federal Aid amounted to \$348,000 and the county's share was \$350,000. The balance of the \$800,000 county bond issue voted in 1919 originally was to be used in gravelling the other important roads in the county. The change from gravel to single track concrete pavement for these roads was made after careful deliberation based on estimated costs.

As there is no gravel deposit in the county, all of this material must be imported over a haul of from 40 to 50 miles. Under these conditions a gravel surface 16 feet wide would cost \$11,000 per mile, exclusive of bridges and grading. The maintenance of a gravel road would add five or six hundred dollars yearly expense per mile while expensive scarifying and reshaping would be necessary every eight or ten years. Texas laws permit a county to issue bonds for only 25 per cent of its



Legend

- 18 ft Concrete Pavement Completed.
- - - 6 ft Concrete Pavement Completed.
- · - 18 ft Concrete Pavement Proposed.

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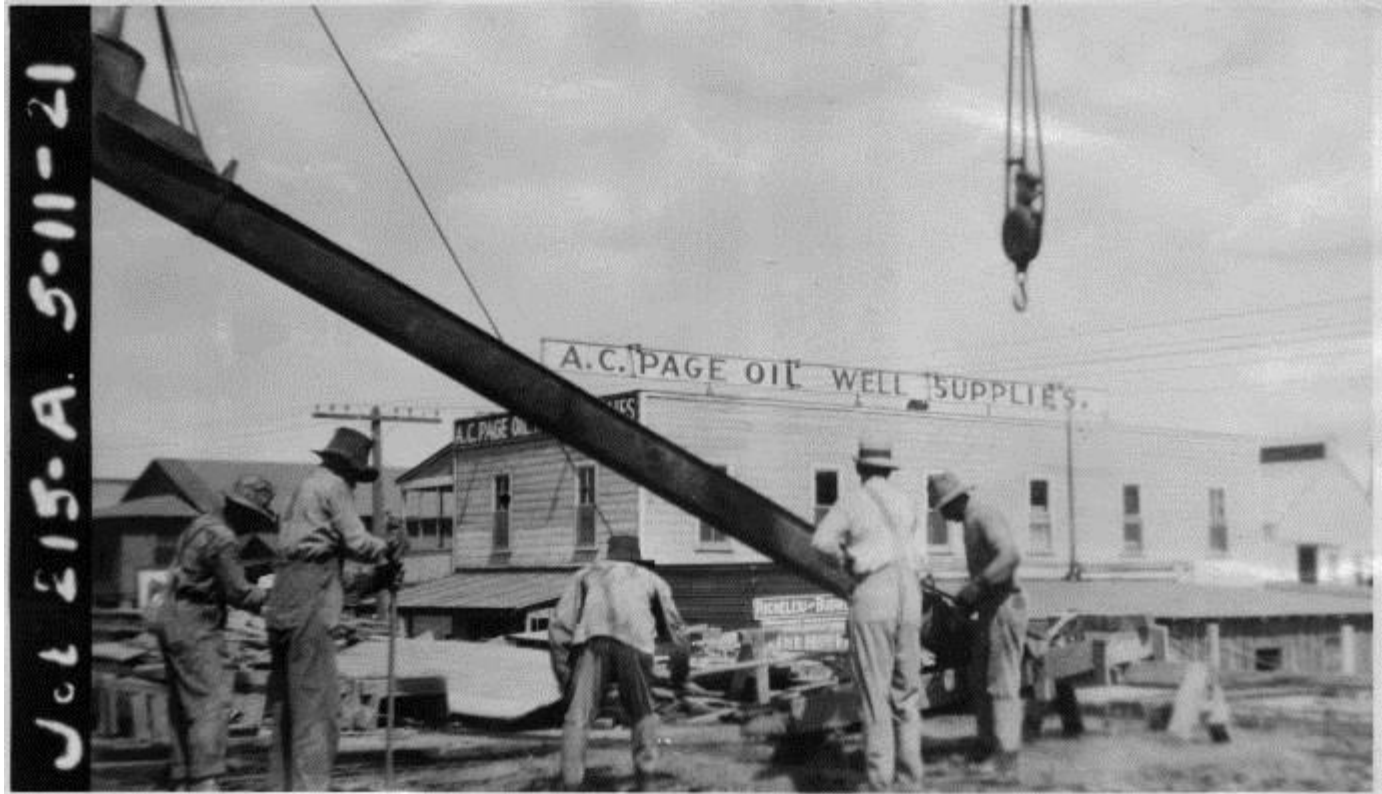
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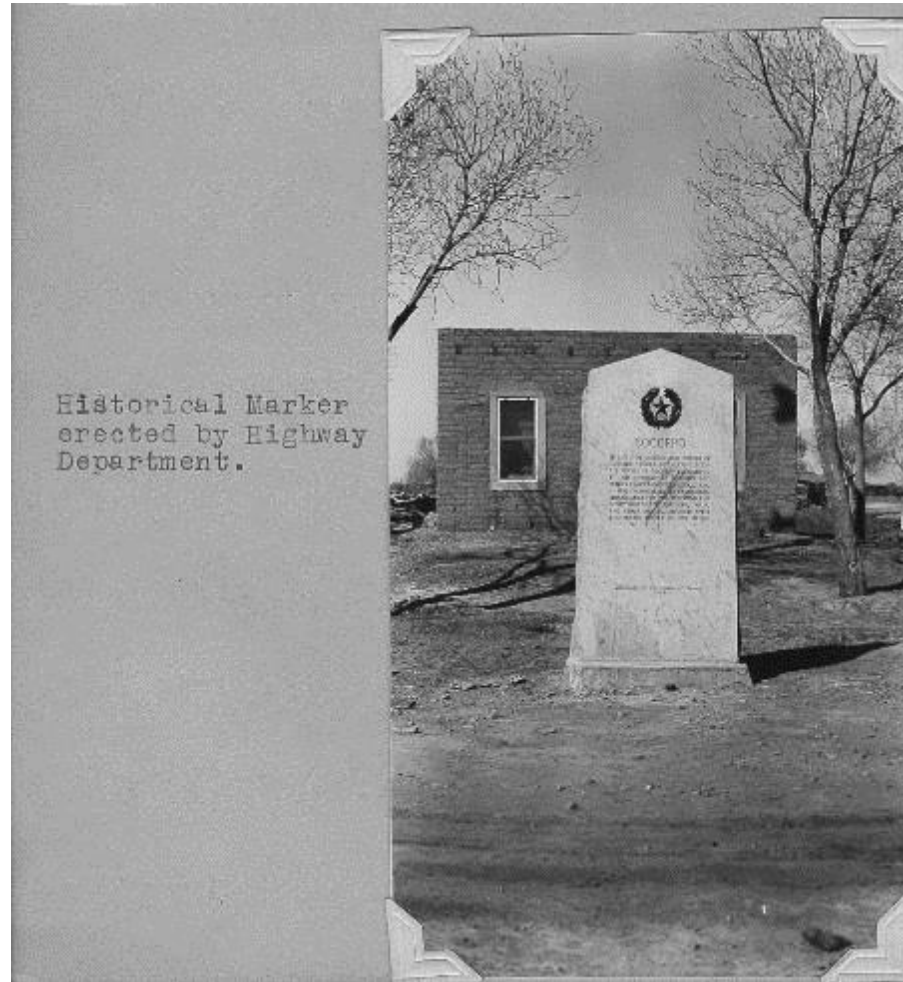
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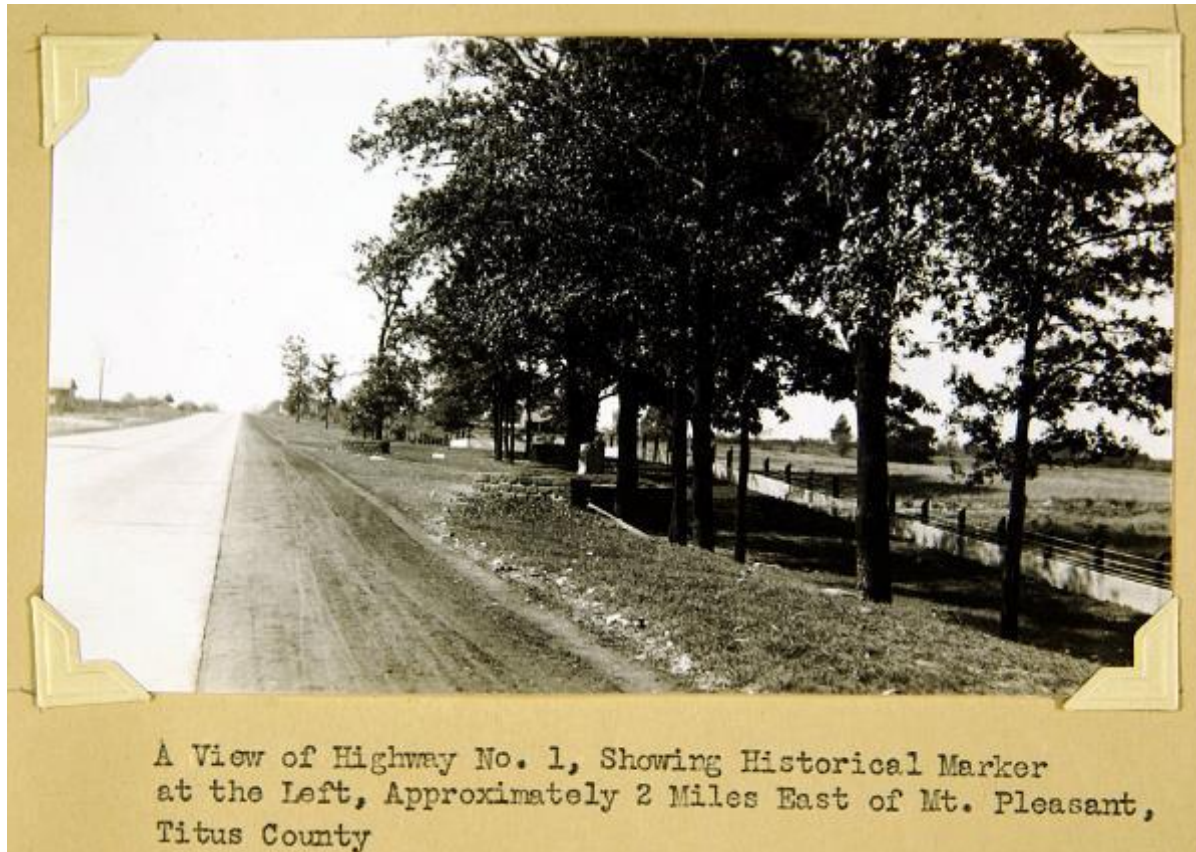
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A View of Highway No. 1, Showing Historical Marker at the Left, Approximately 2 Miles East of Mt. Pleasant, Titus County

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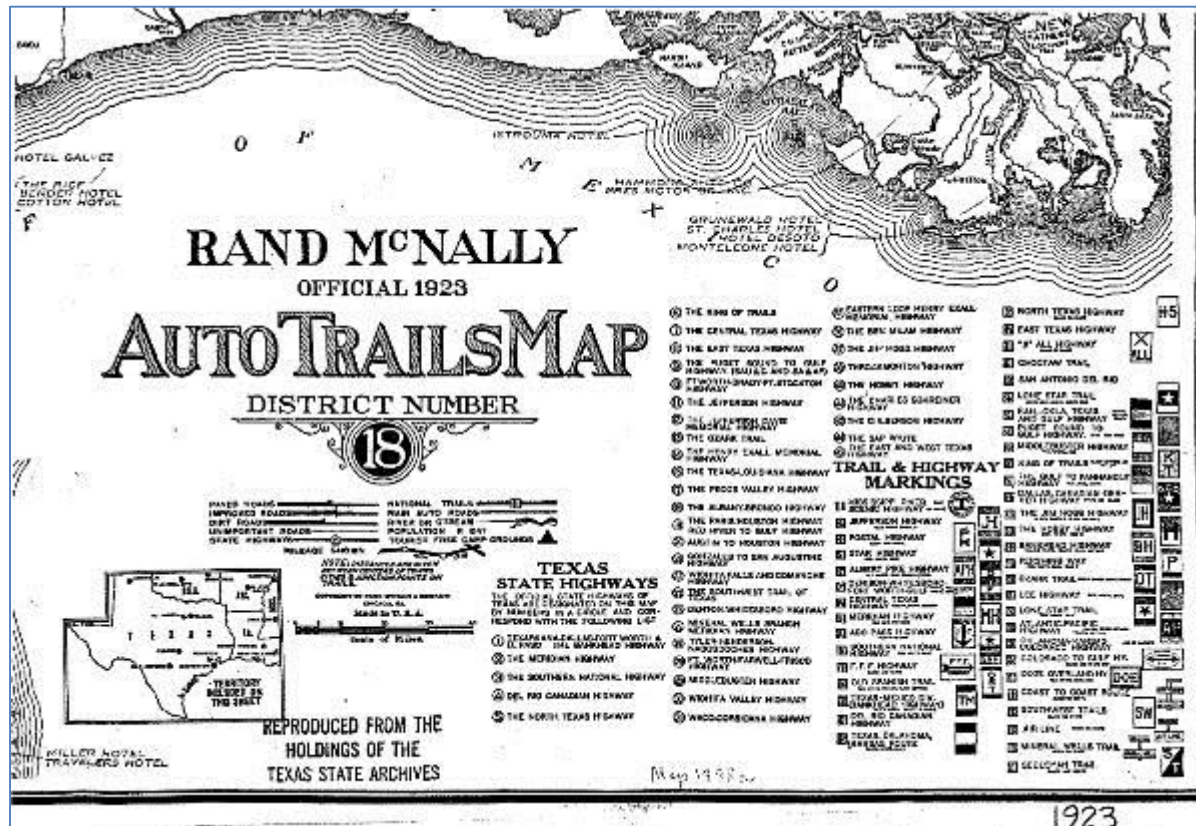
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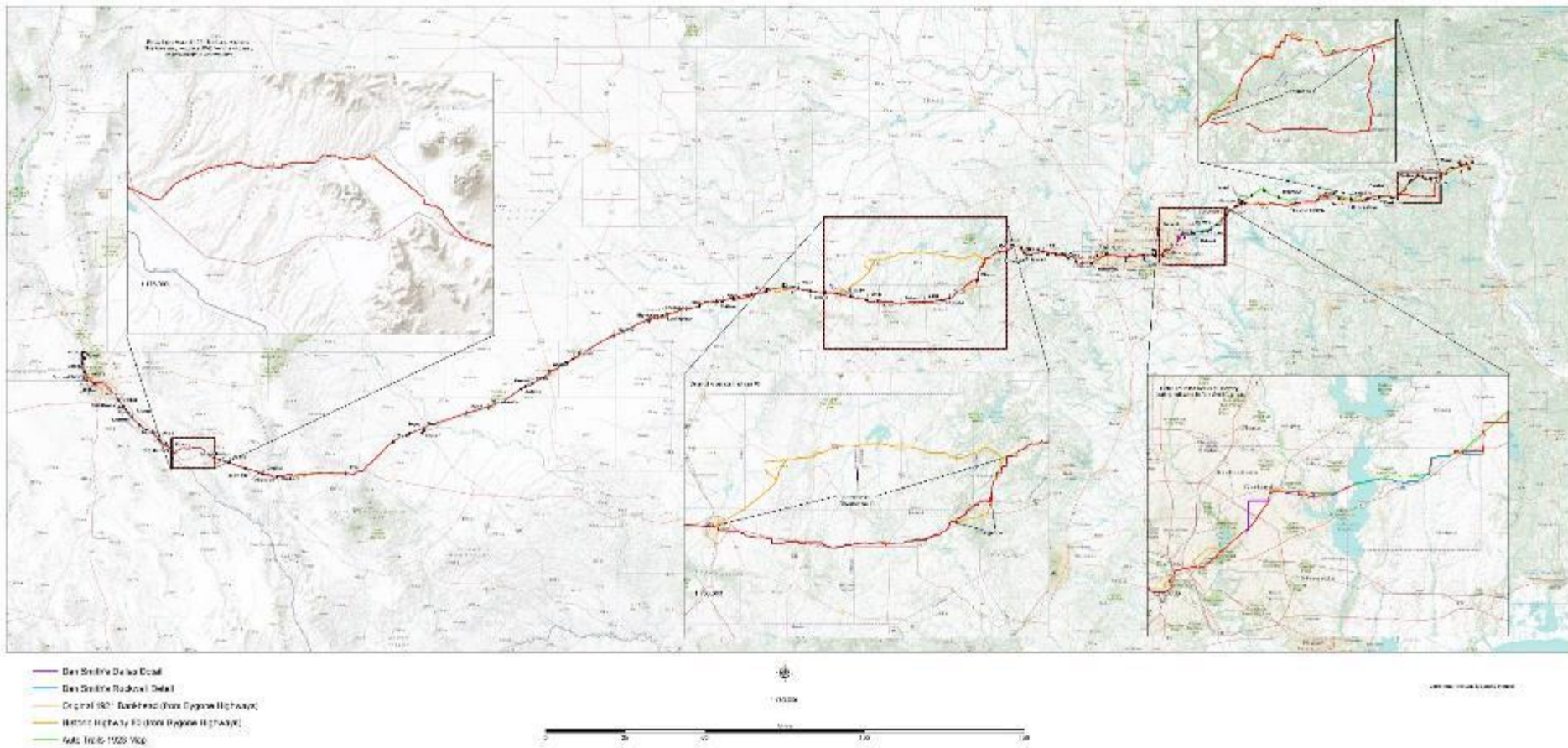


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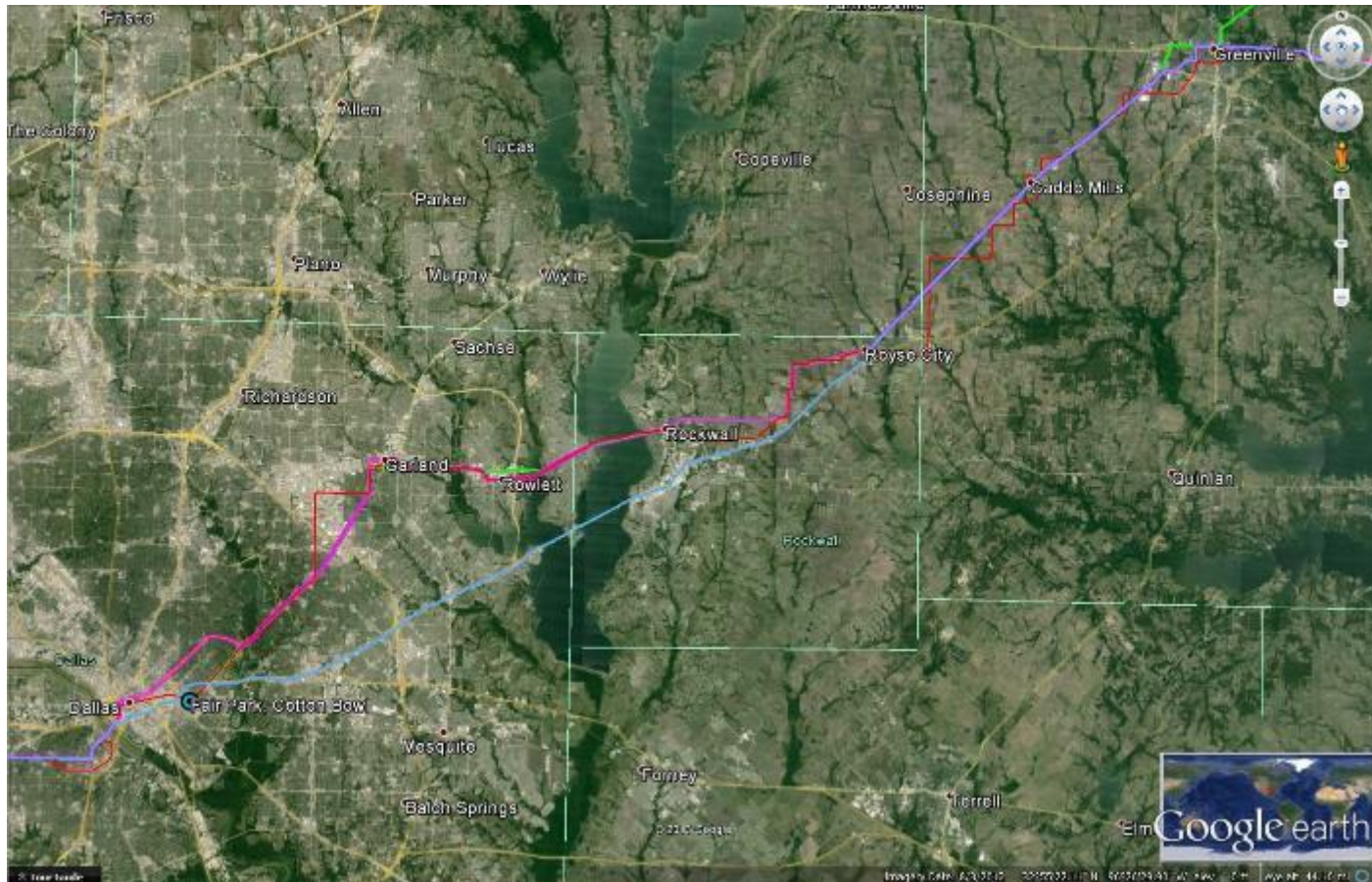
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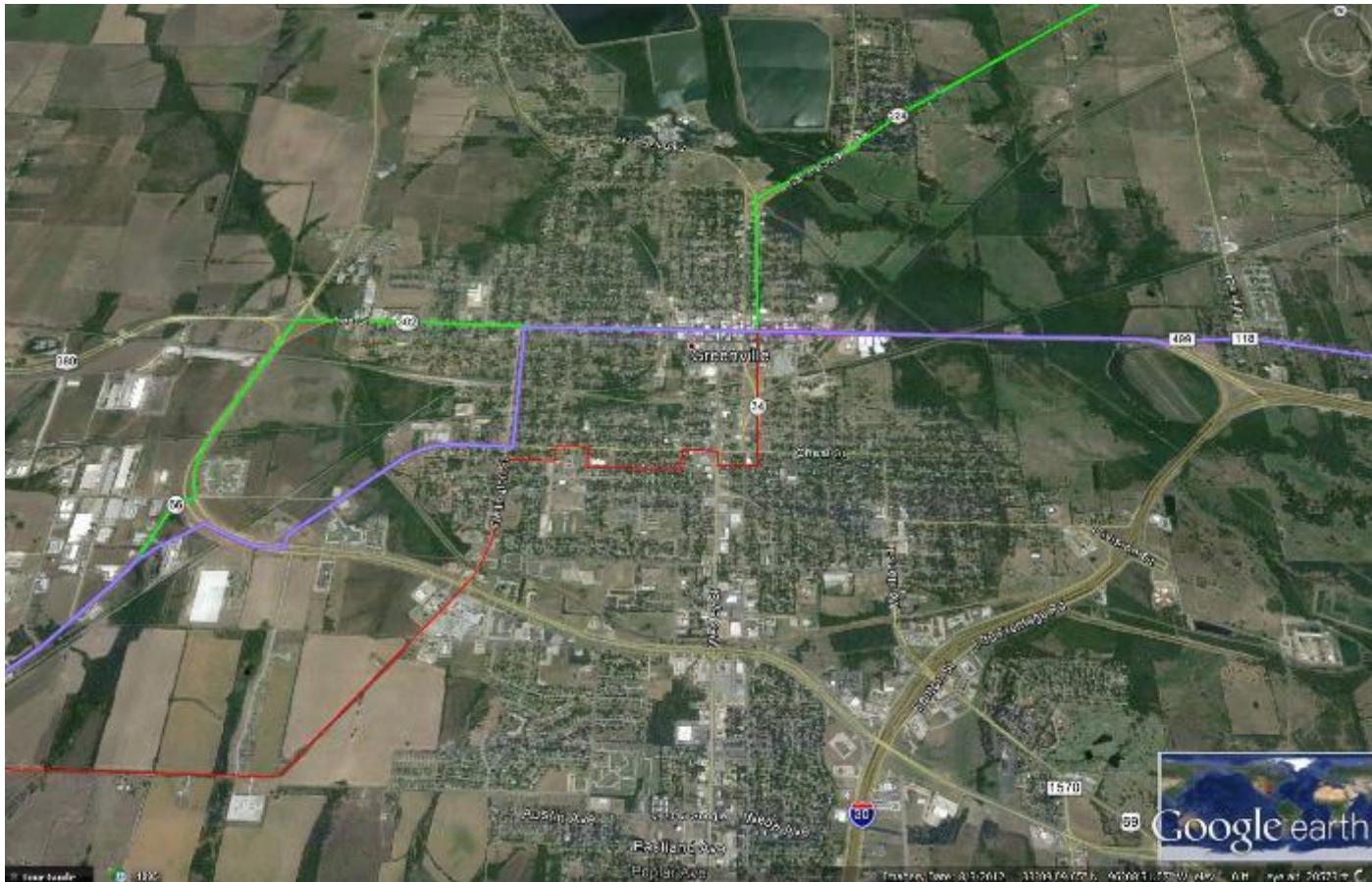
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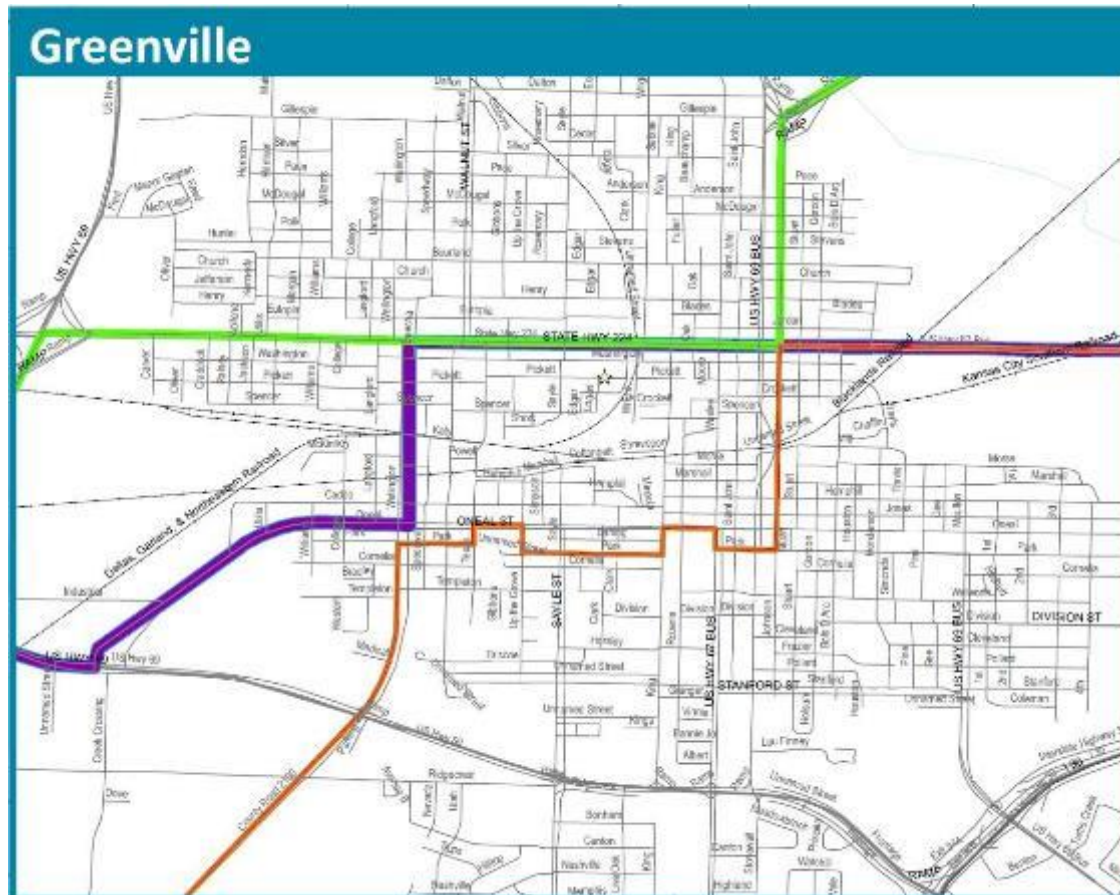
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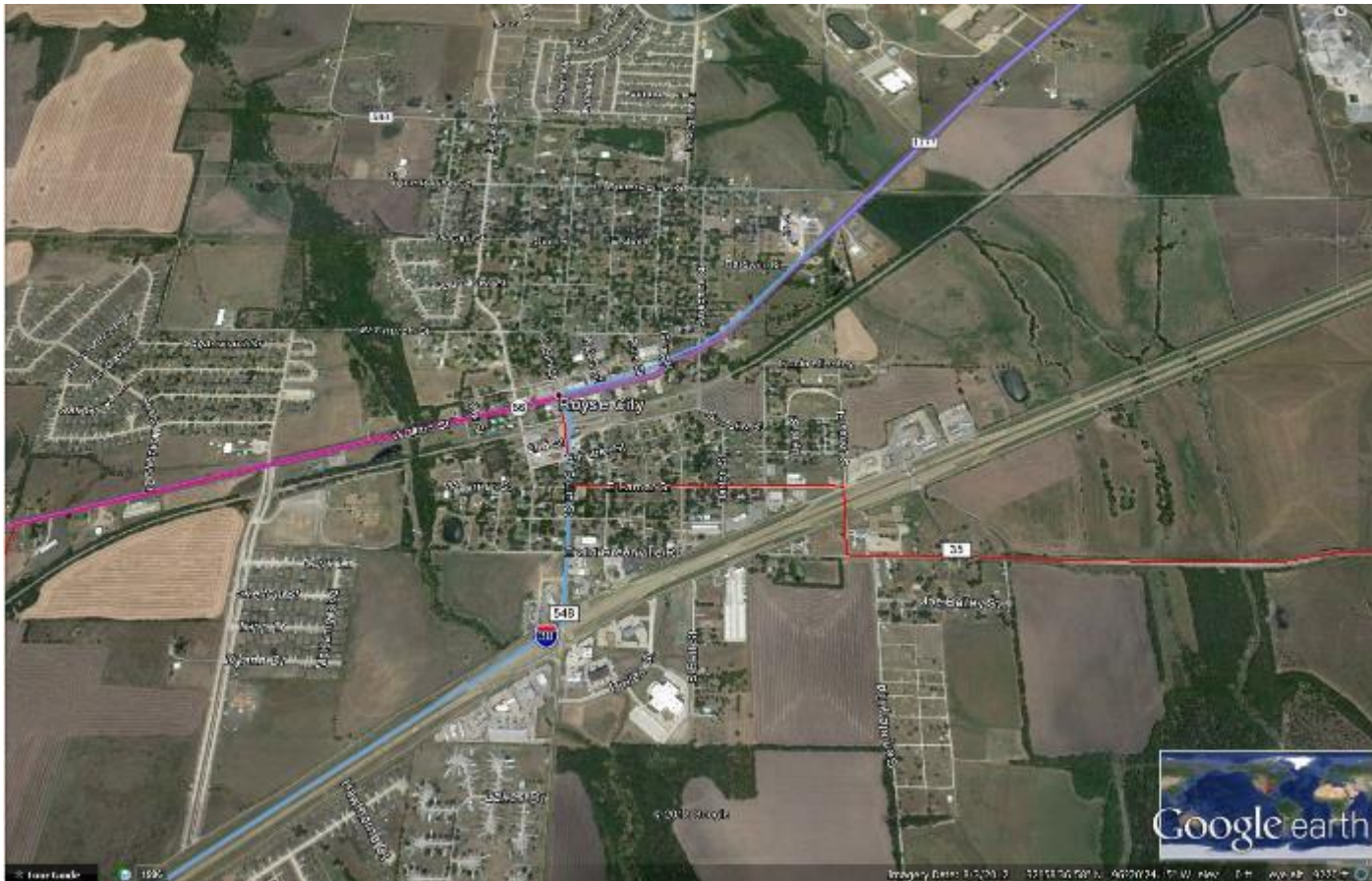
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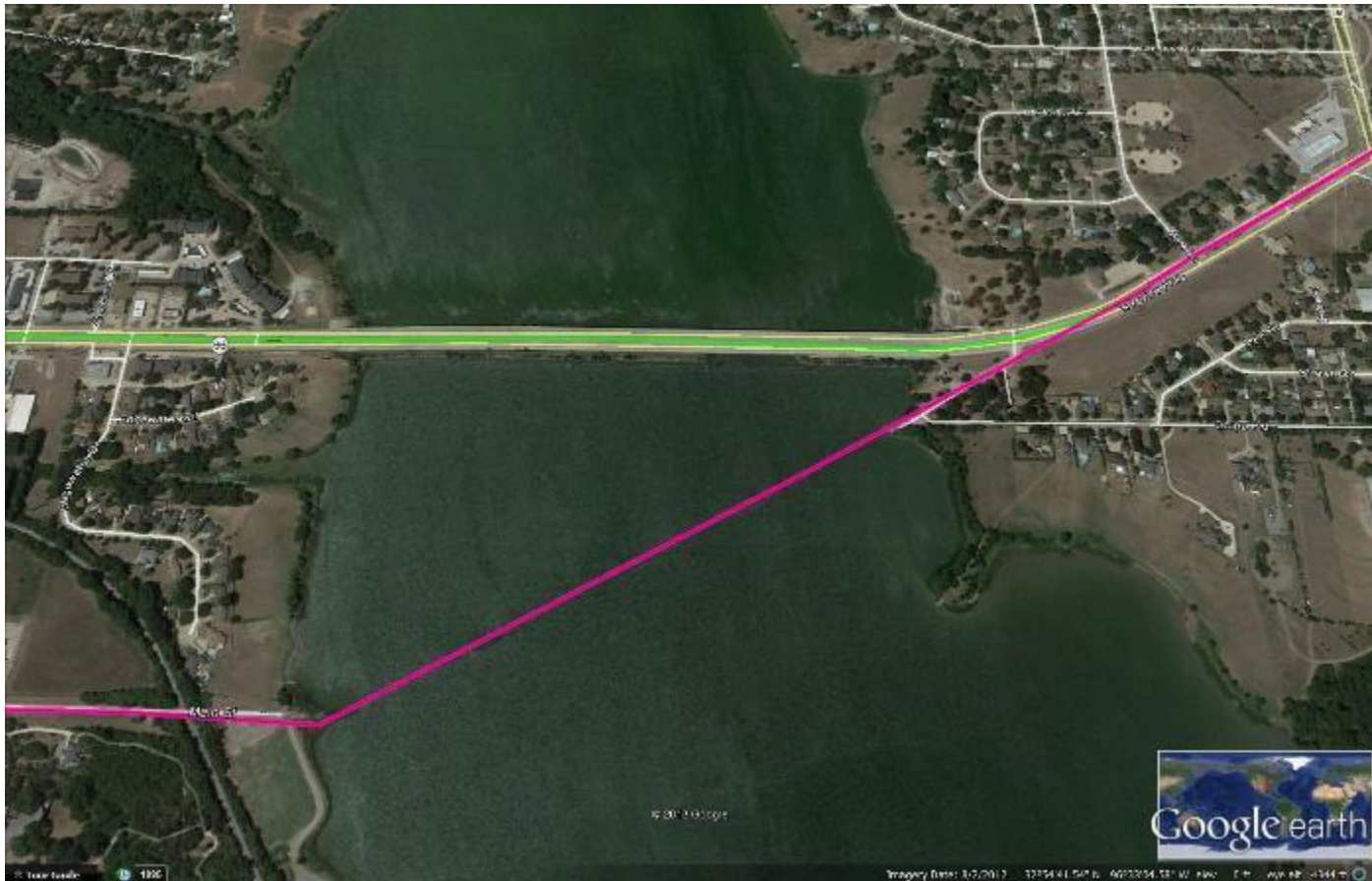
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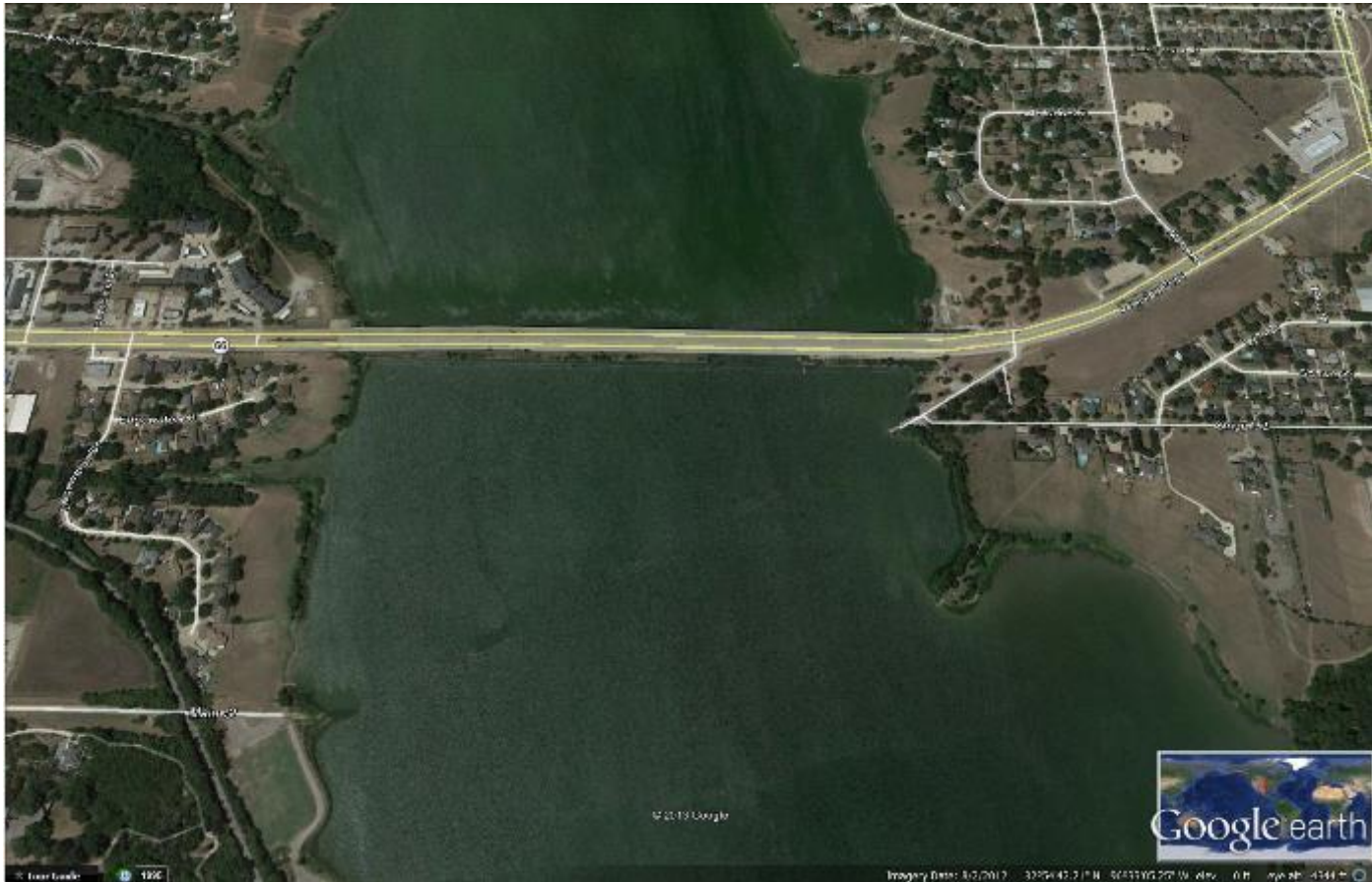
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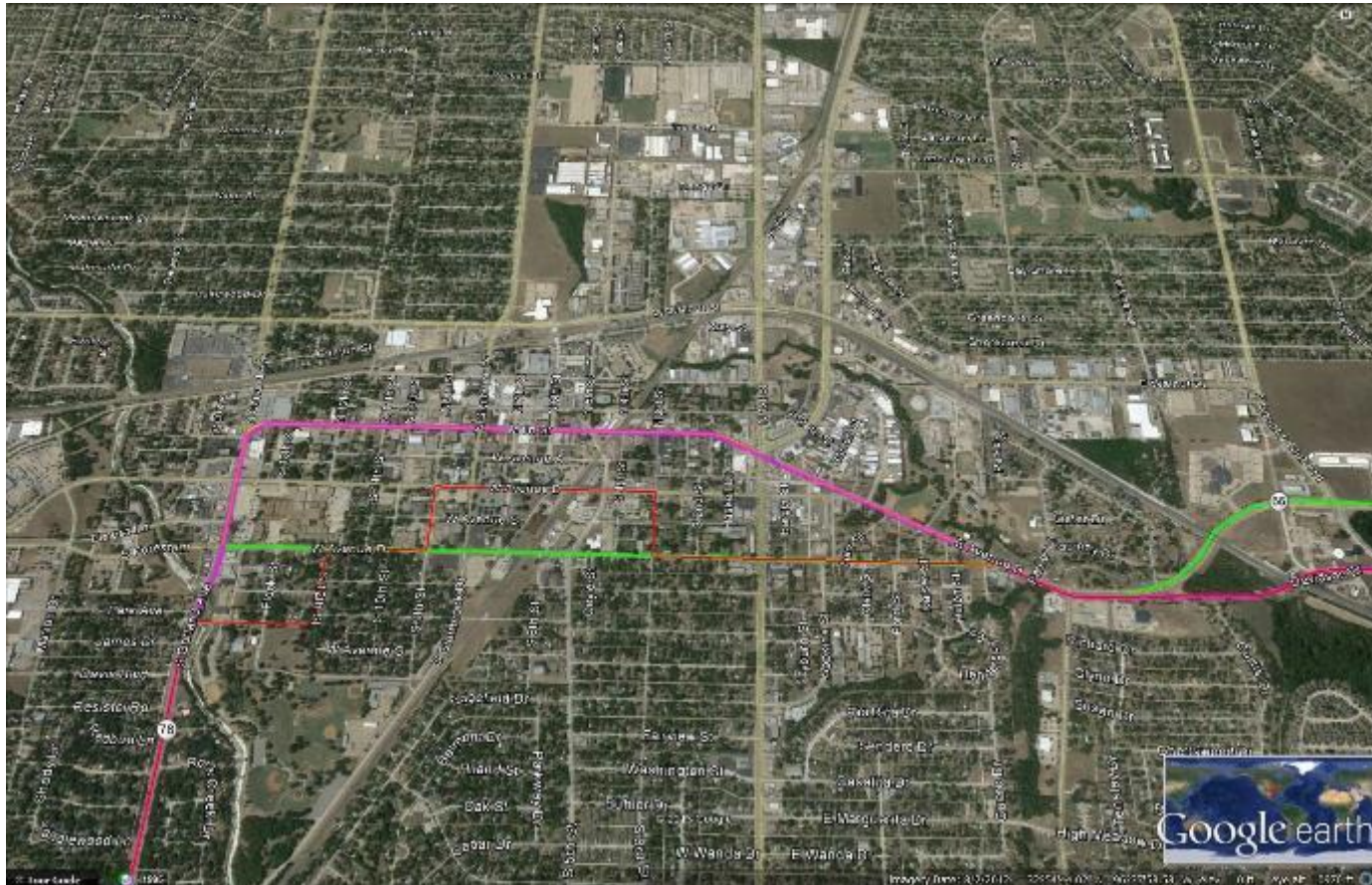
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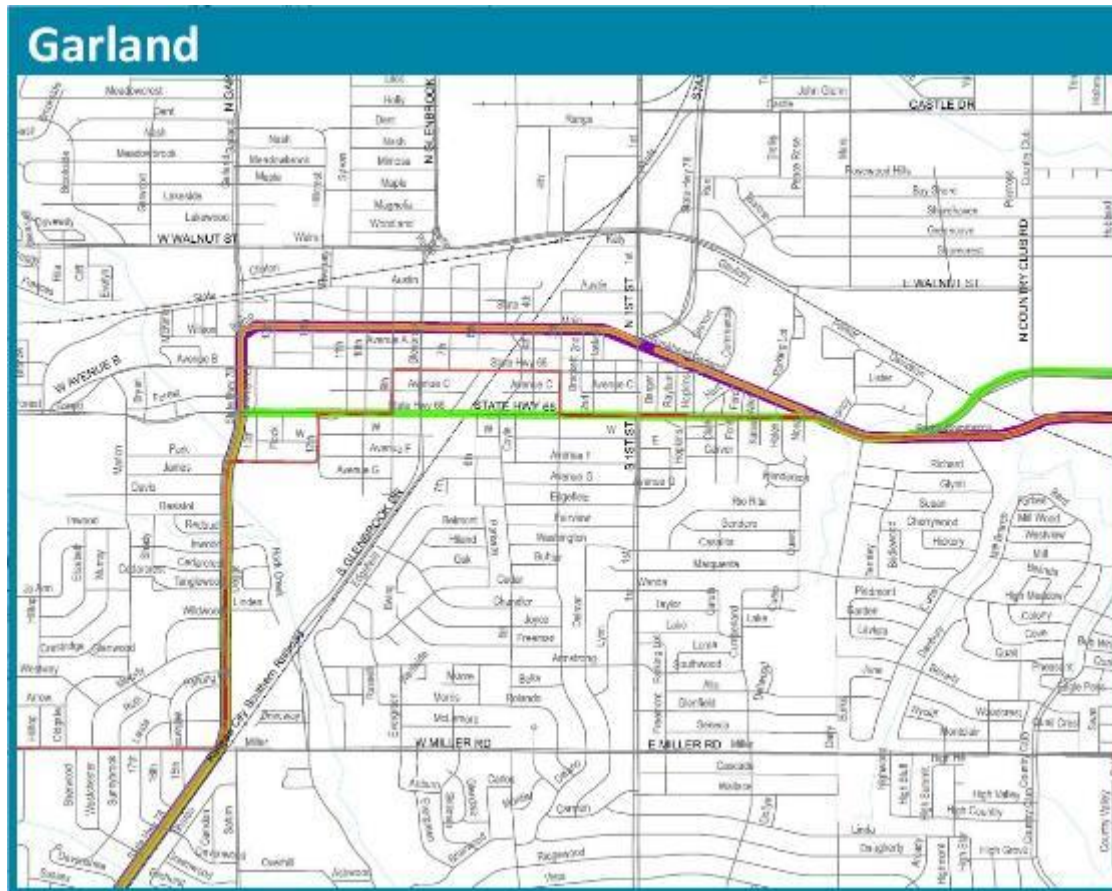
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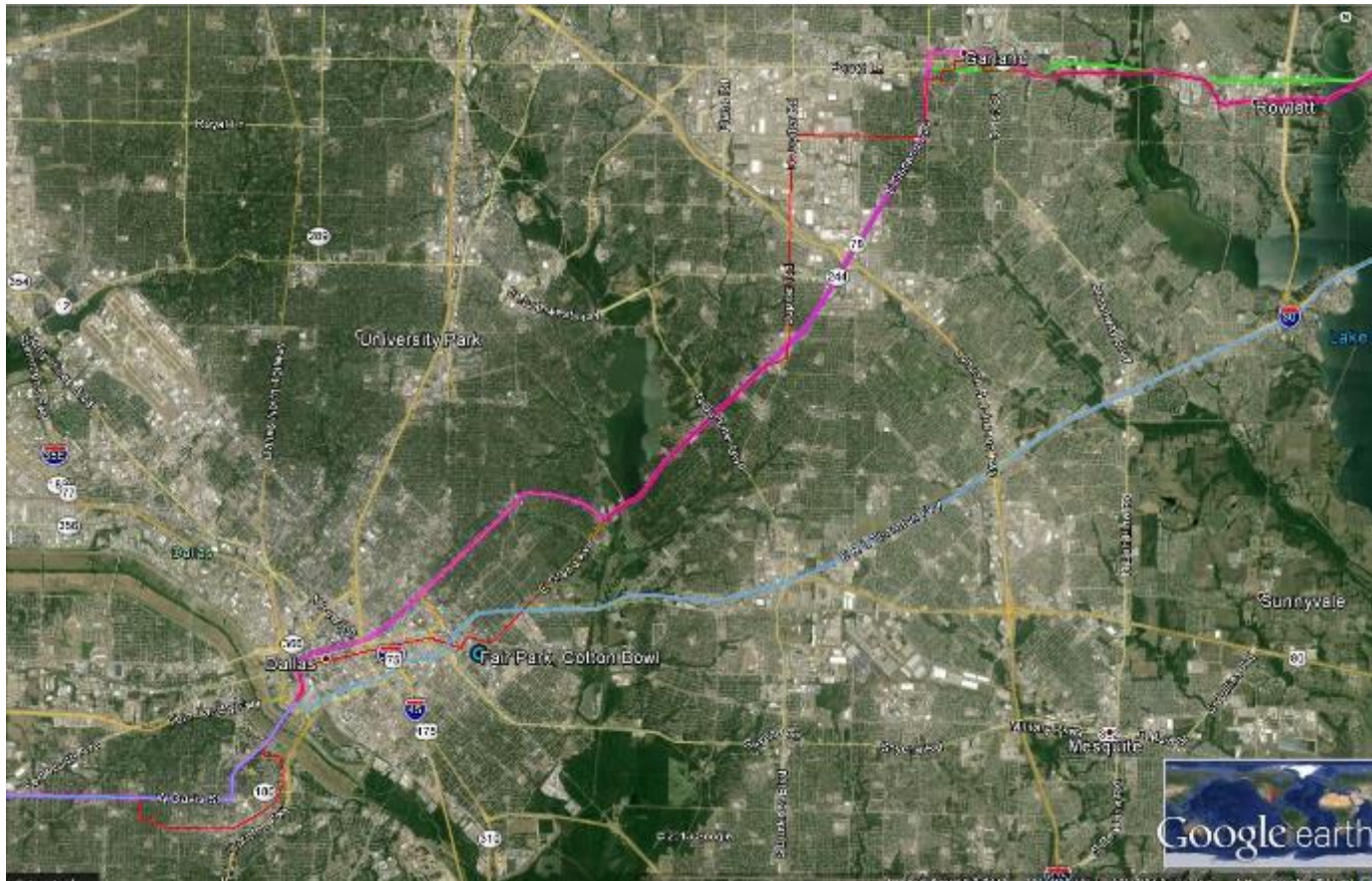
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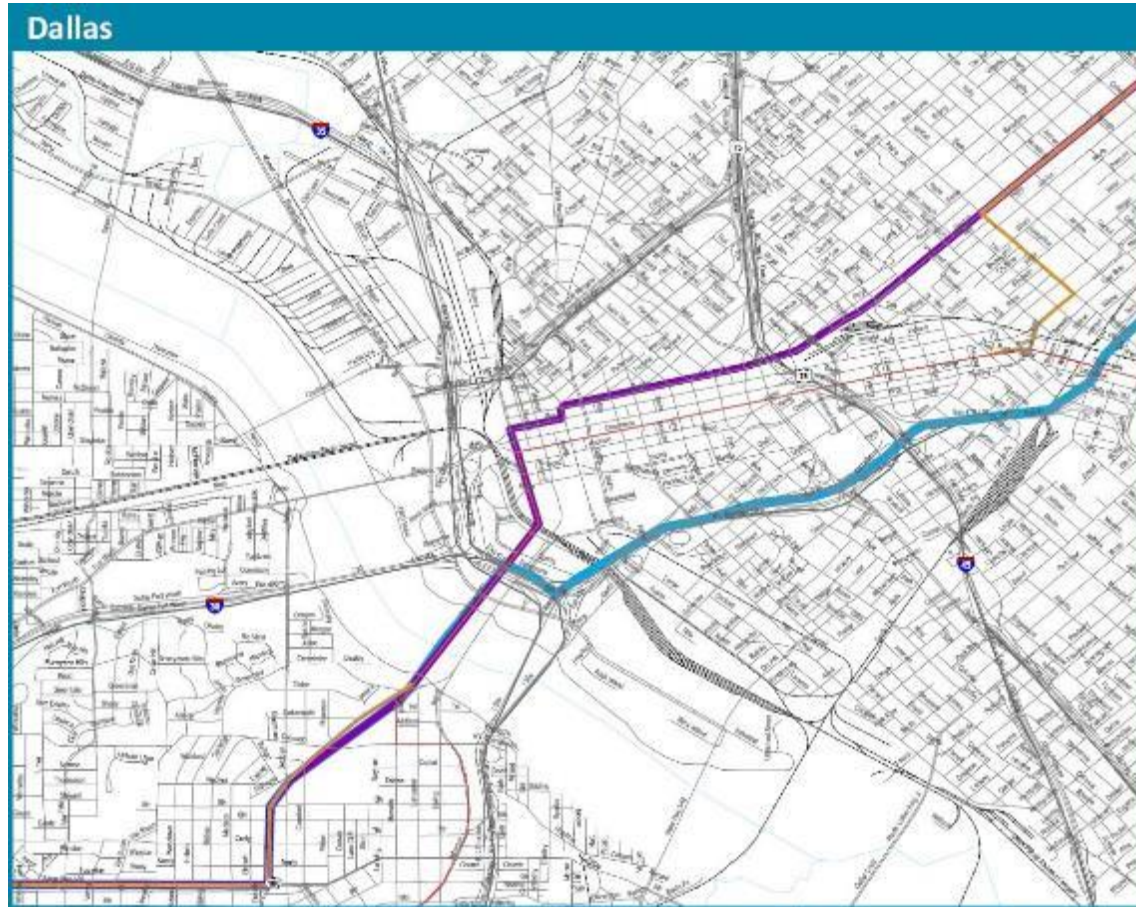
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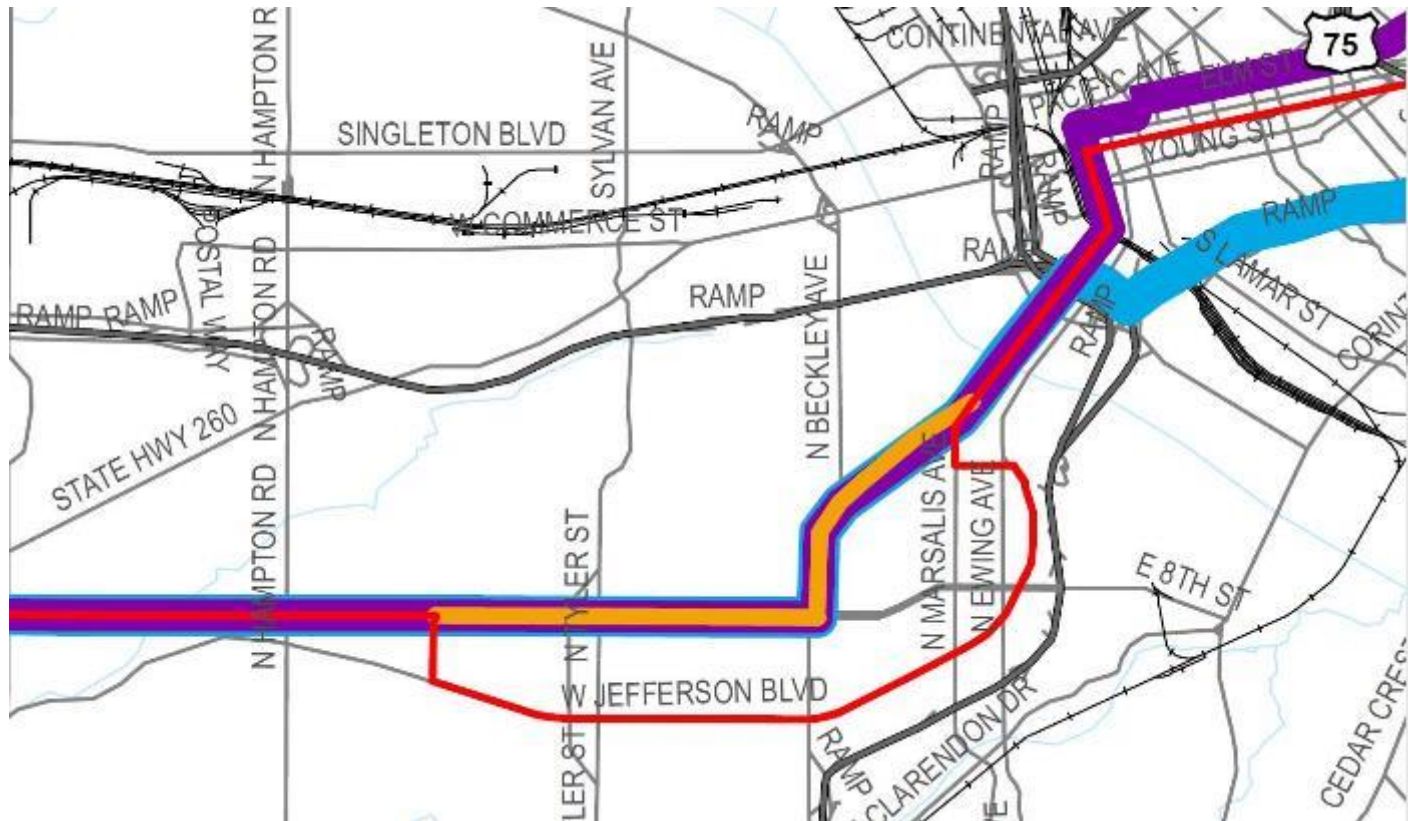
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Field Teams in Area during weeks of August 19 and 26






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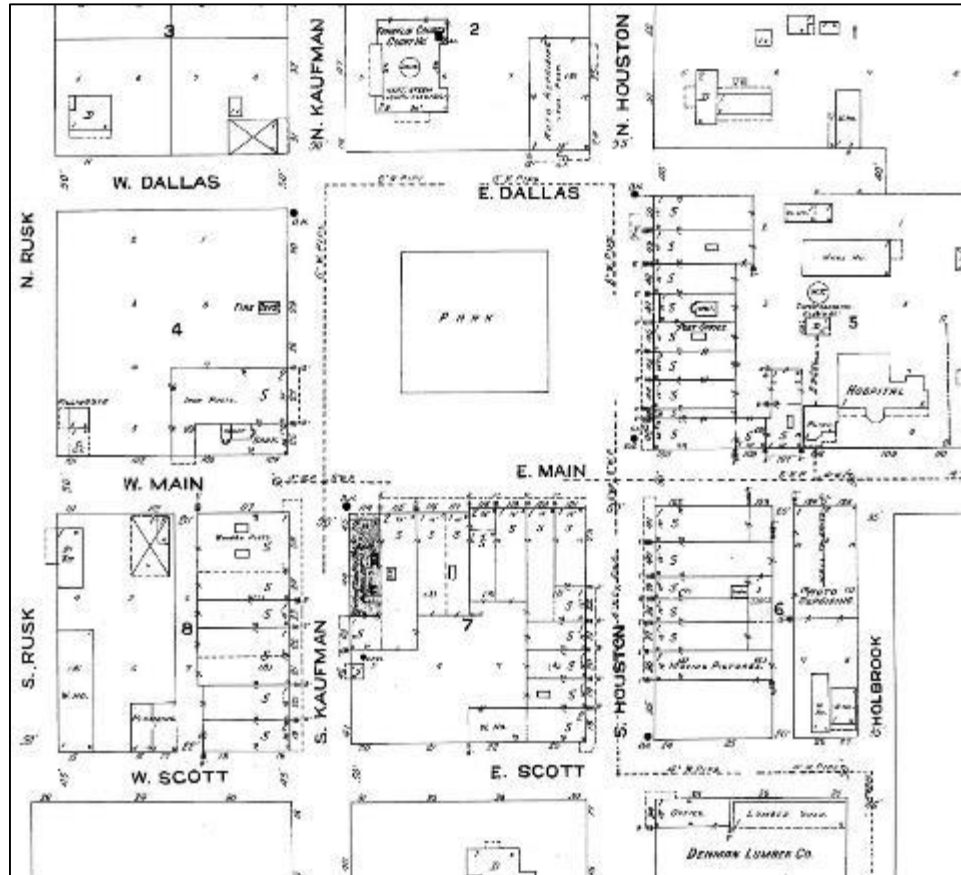
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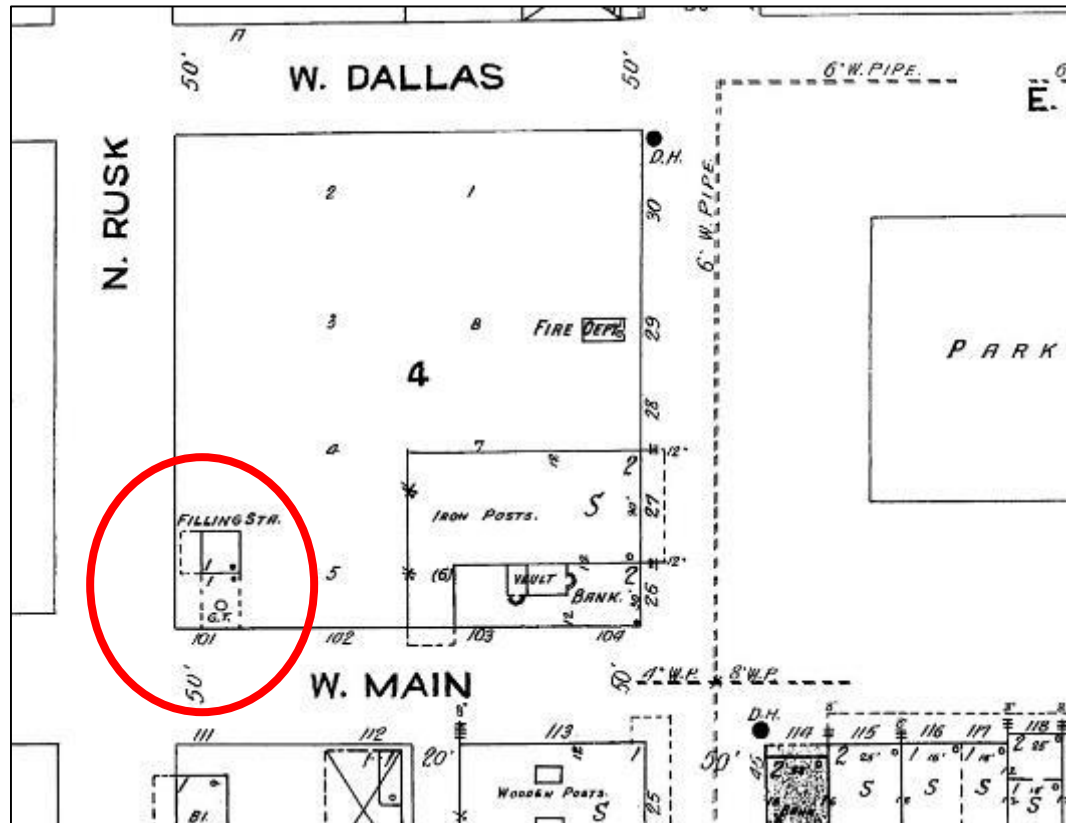
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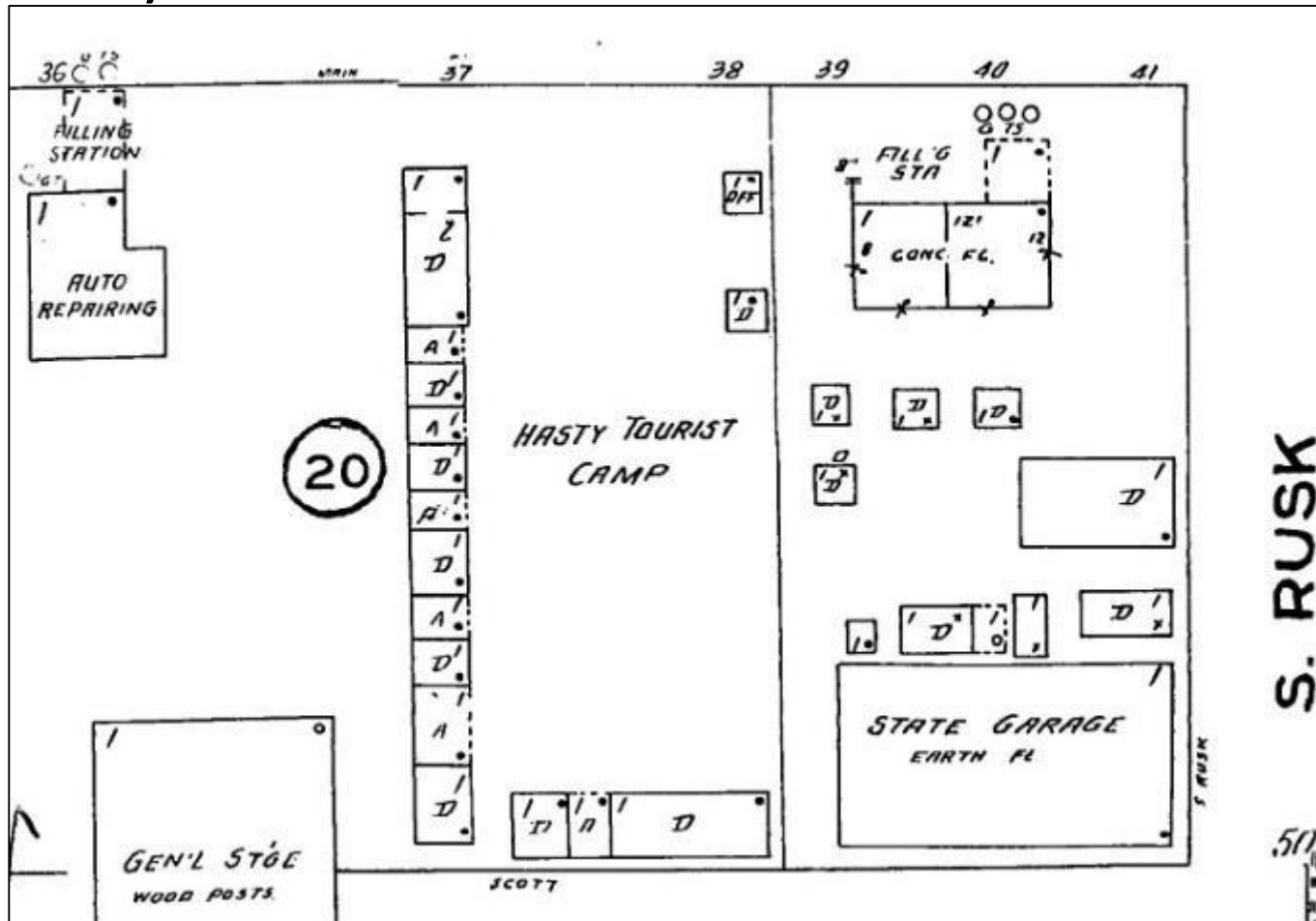


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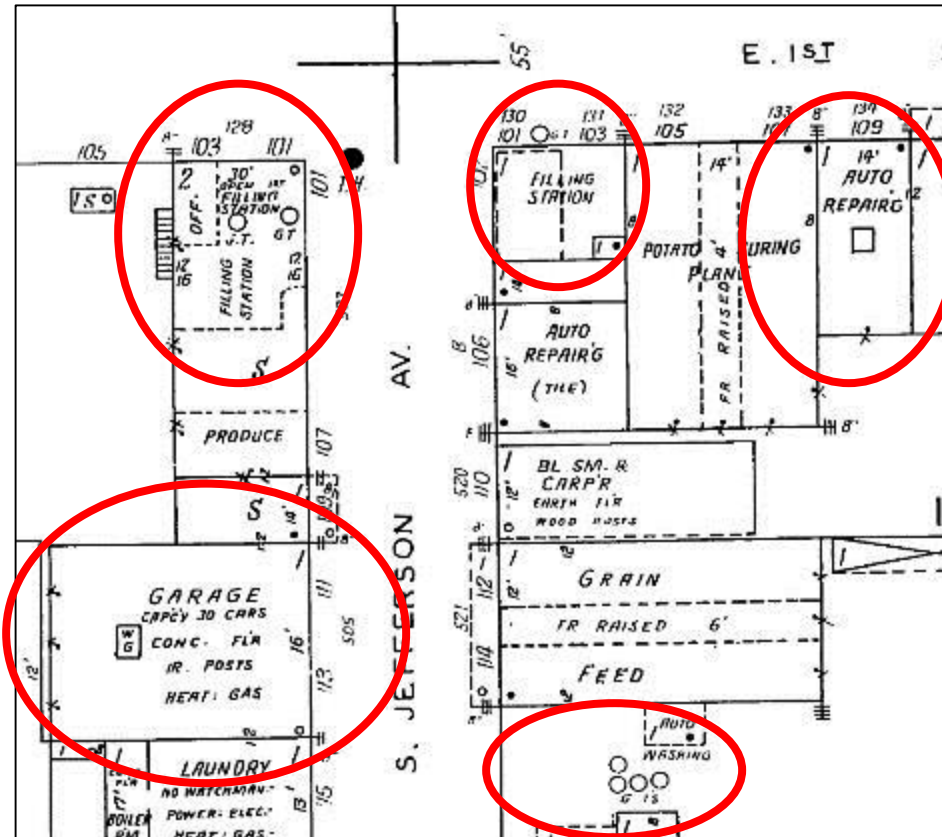
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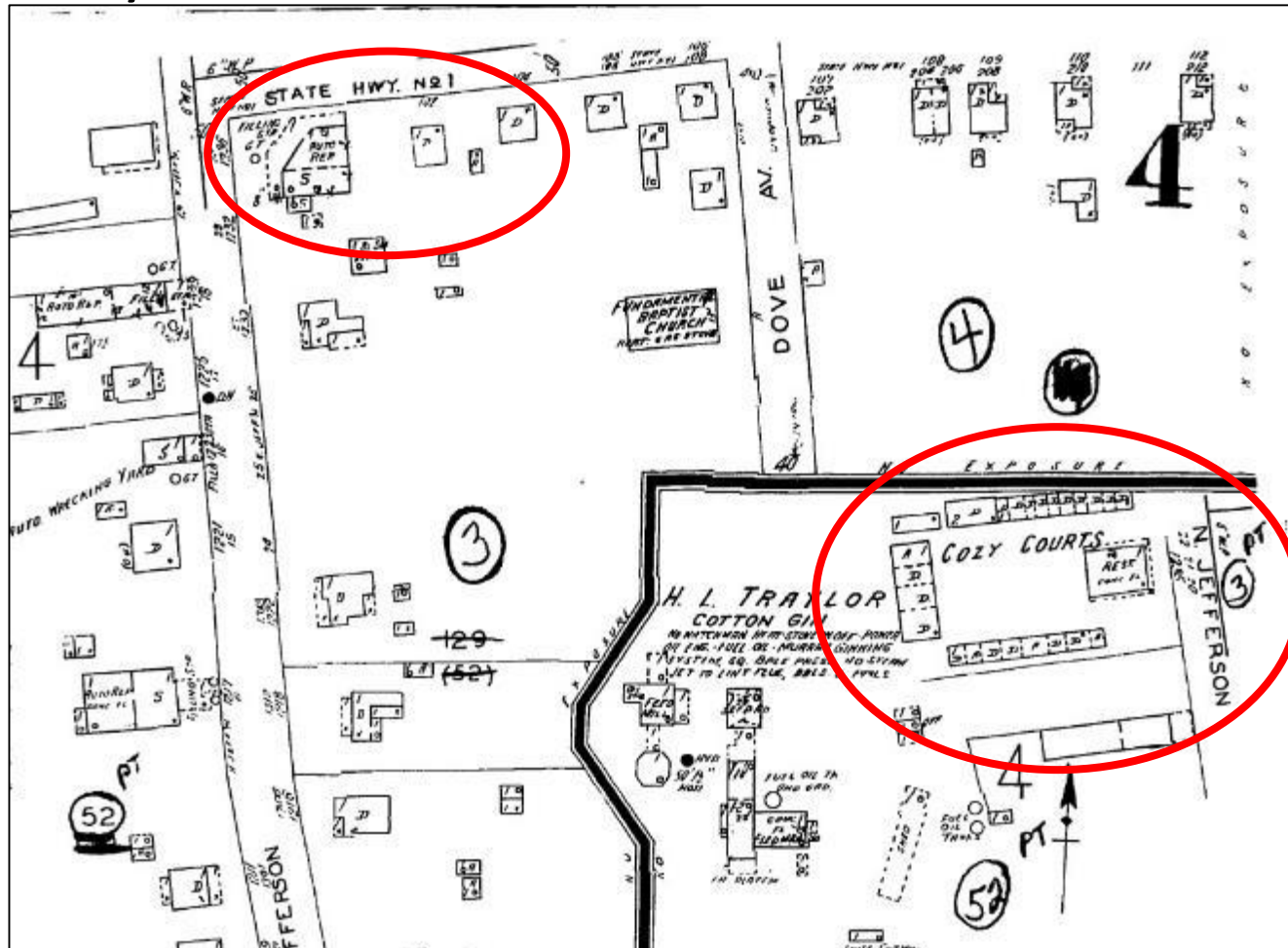
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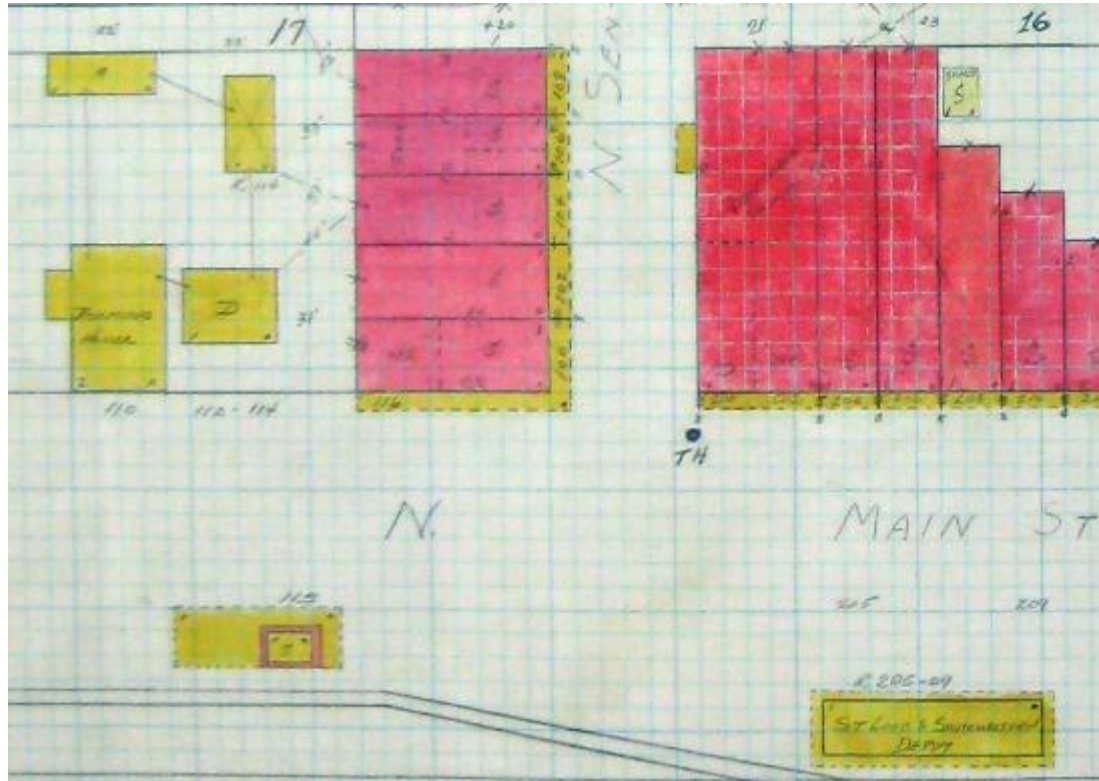


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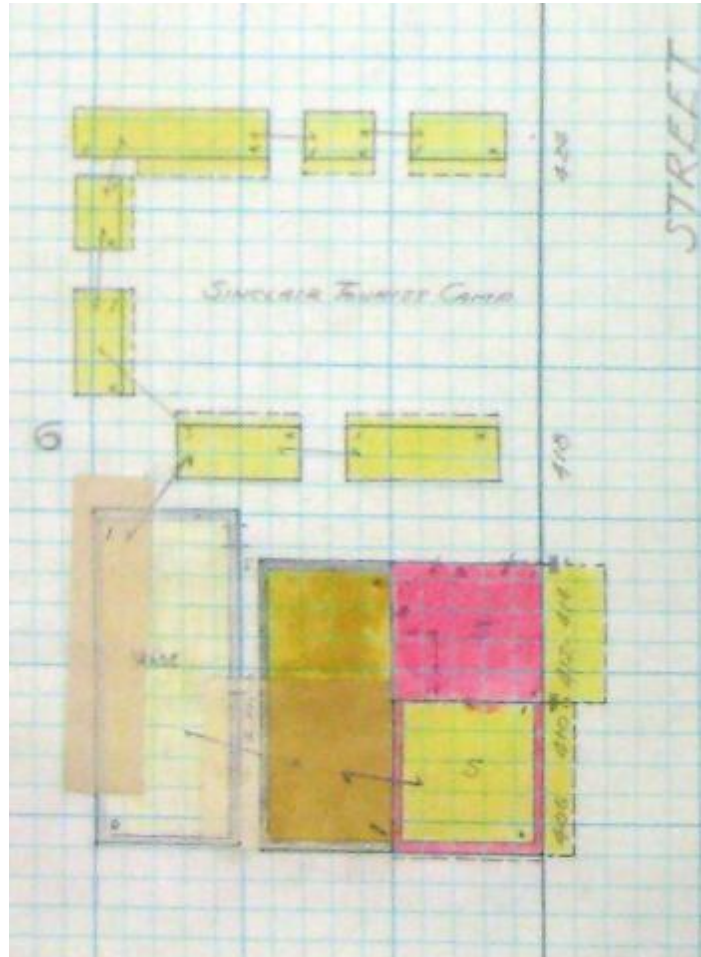
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Omaha, 1943, Texas State Board of Insurance, Texas State Library and Archives

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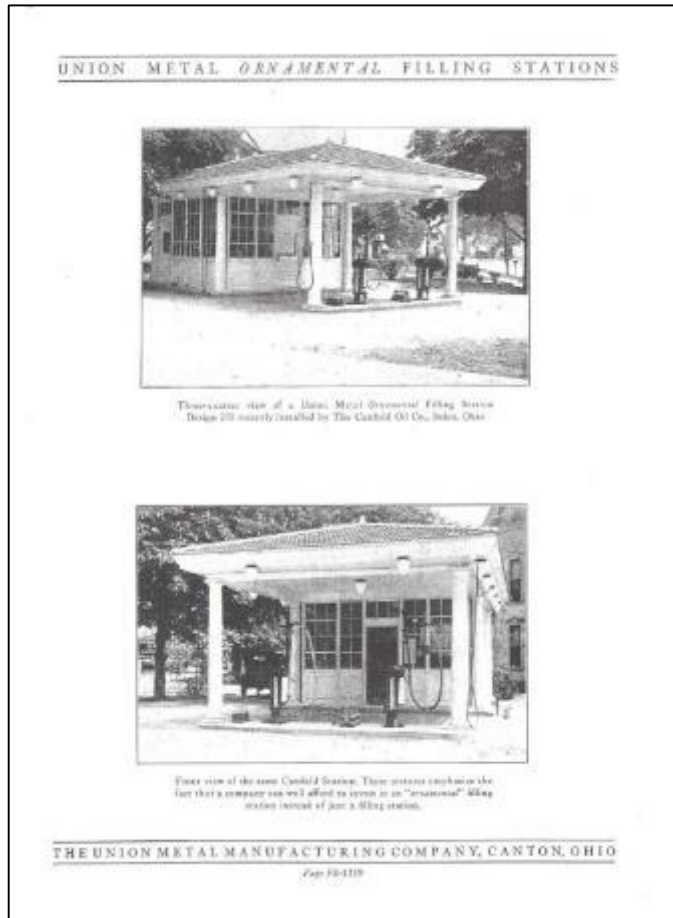


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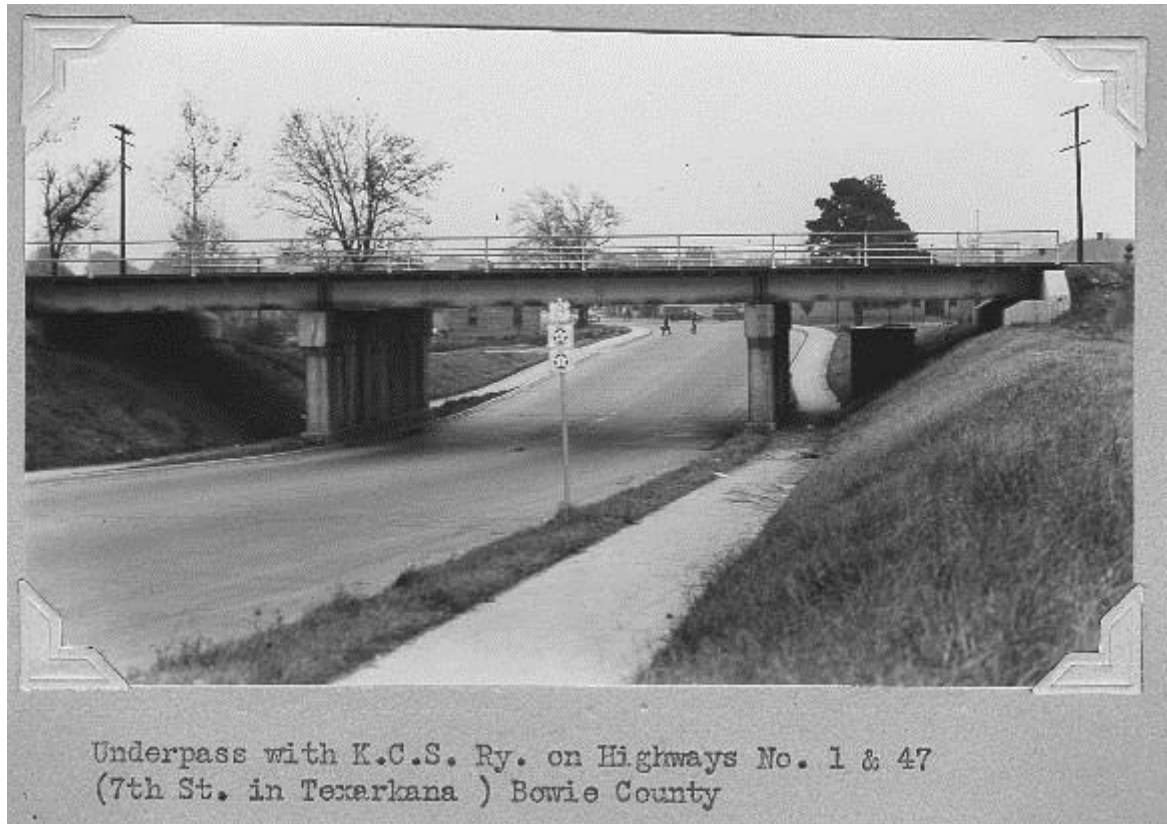
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Texarkana, circa 1940. Source: TxDOT Photo Library

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Texarkana, 2013. Source: Google Maps



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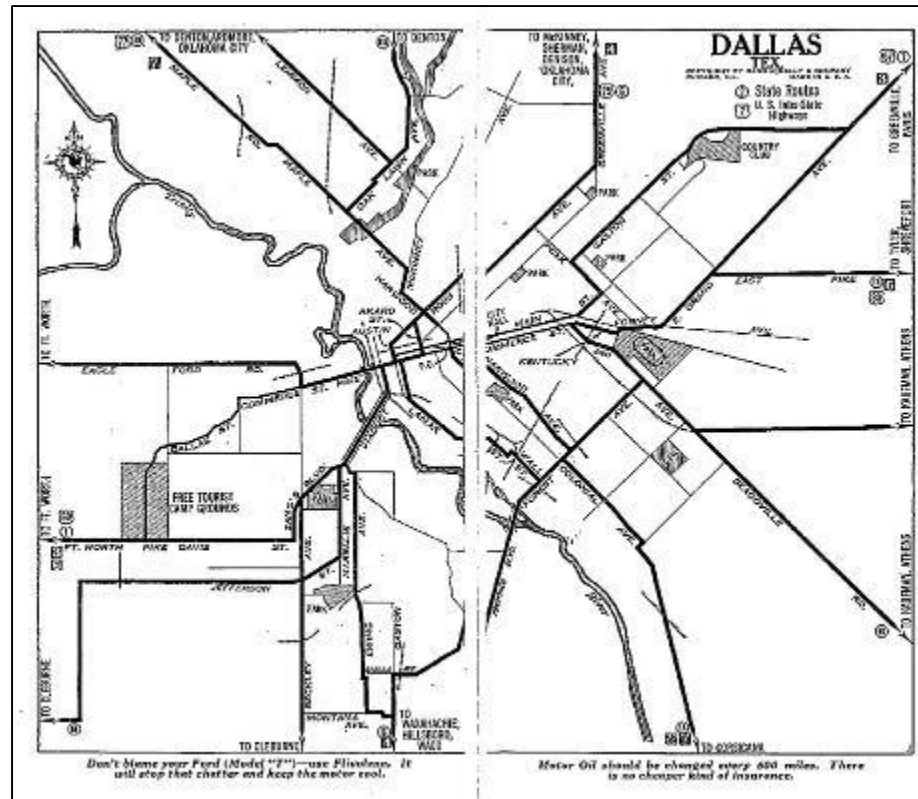


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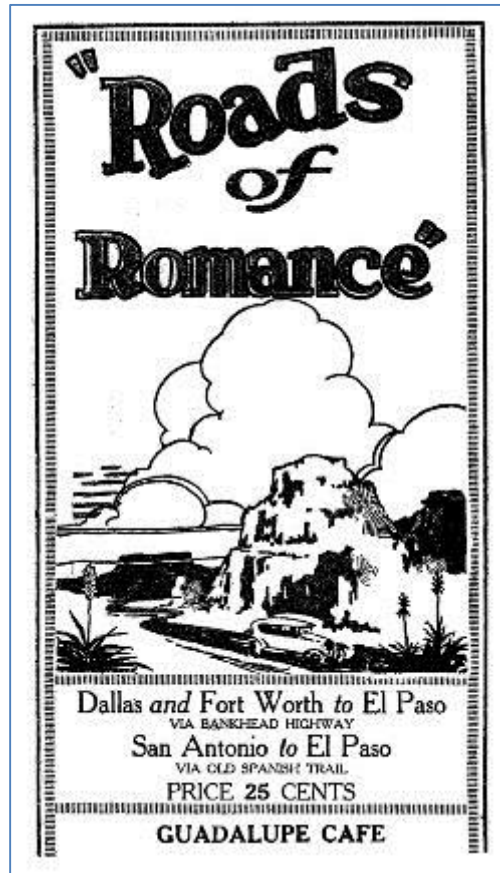


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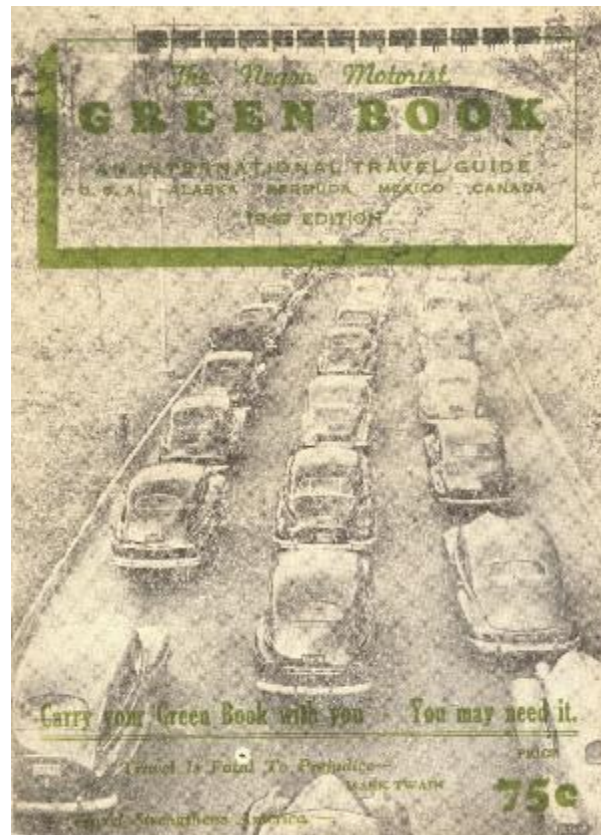
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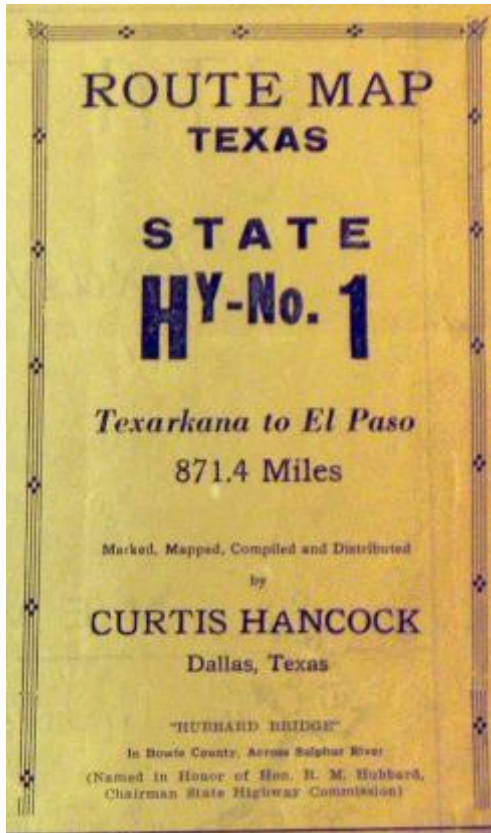
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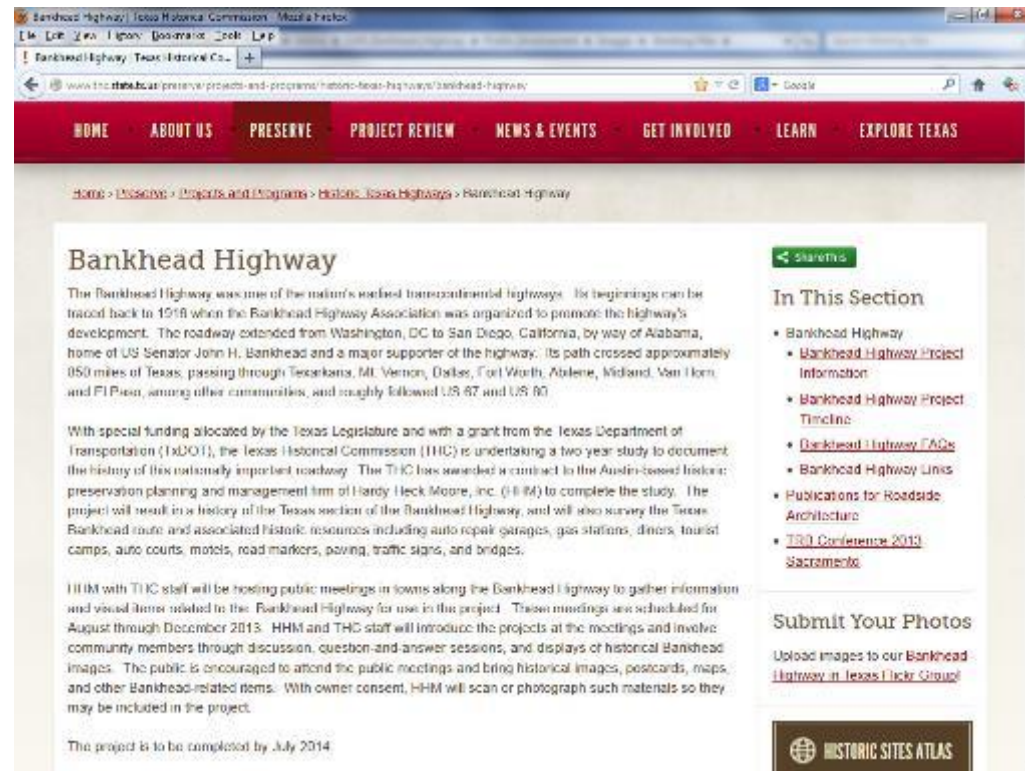


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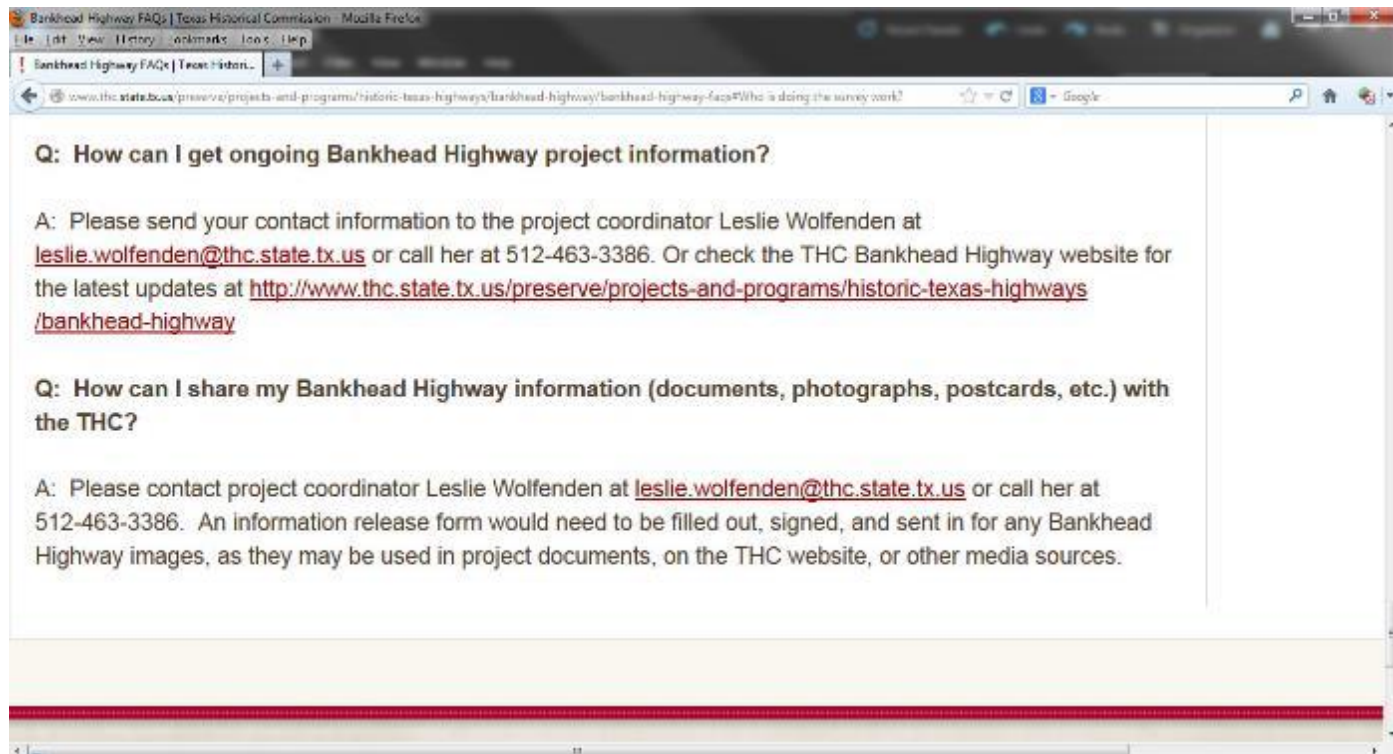
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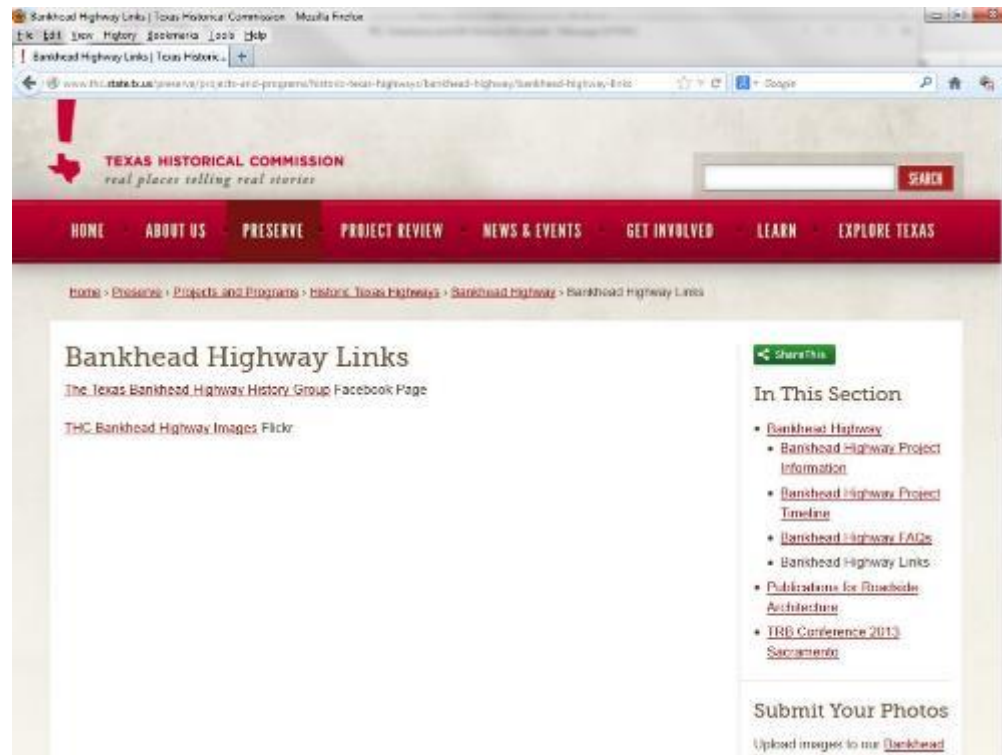
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**QUESTIONNAIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY OF THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY**

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**Activities along the Bankhead Highway**

Did you, your family, or friends travel on the Bankhead Highway? If so, when, how often and for what reason? \_\_\_\_\_

Did new businesses open when the highway was built? If so, what kind of businesses were they and when were they in use? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the highway pass through the downtown area? If so, did any events take place on the downtown section of the Highway, and what were they, fairs, parades, community celebrations? \_\_\_\_\_

What impact did paving the Highway have on local business and movement from town to town? Did tourism increase? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to businesses in your community when the Interstate was built? \_\_\_\_\_

**Buildings and Structures along the Bankhead Highway**

Do you remember any buildings or places that highway travelers used, such as food stores, travel courts, motels, gas stations, repair garages? If so, what and where were they, and when were they used? Do they still exist? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you remember any old buildings, parking areas built along or near the Highway? If so, where were they and do they still exist? When were they built and when did people stop using them? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any old sections of road that are no longer used? If so, where are they? \_\_\_\_\_

**Historical Information**

Do you have any photographs, postcards or written materials showing places on or near the Bankhead? Are you willing to have them scanned or photographed for use in this project? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know anyone who might have materials to share? If so, please provide contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

If I have photos, postcards or other materials to share with the project but did not bring them to this meeting, the survey crew will contact you to arrange an opportunity for you to share your materials. Please complete the section at the top of the Questionnaire so you can be contacted.

**Project Feedback**

Please send any comments you have on this meeting or the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your participation.

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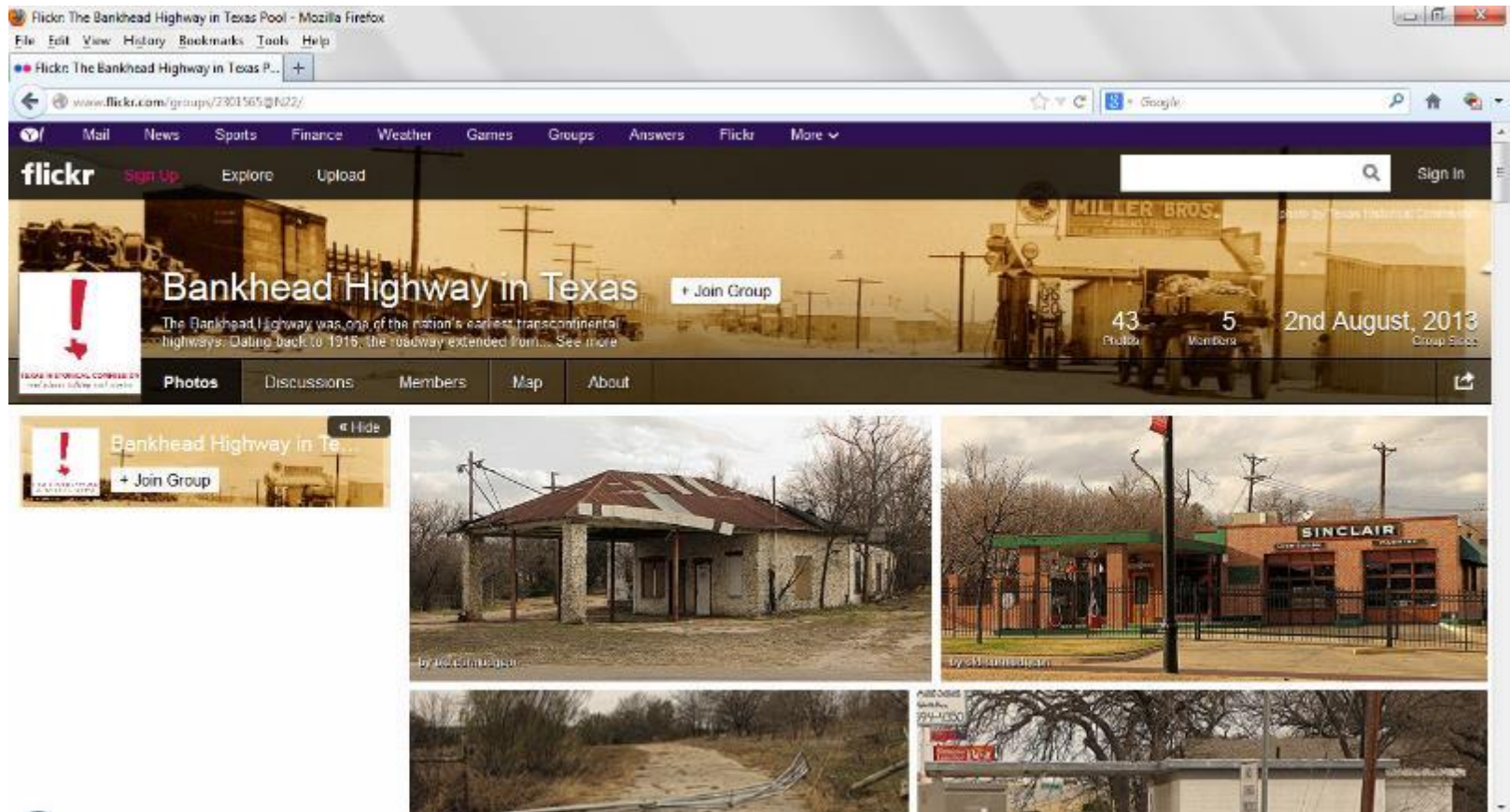
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- Questions?

